

NEWS

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SPORTS

Baseball squad looks to improve on last year's success



Grayling High School's varsity baseball team - a squad coming off one of its most successful seasons in school history - will attempt to combine young talent with several experienced players in an effort to create another winning formula in 2009.

Last year's team posted 21 wins - a new school record - and won a district title for baseball for the third time in school history - the first since 1993. The Vikings finished second in the Lake Michigan Conference last year. **1B**

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Martial arts events to be held in Grayling

Two martial arts events - the 6th annual Battle at the 45th Parallel and the Northern Michigan Combat Challenge - will be held in Grayling on May 1 and 2.

The Battle at the 45th Parallel, an event that includes hundreds of competitors and spectators, was held in Gaylord last year, but Grayling hosted the event in previous years. The Northern Michigan Combat Challenge, a mixed martial arts (MMA) cage fighting tournament, is a new event. **1B**

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Football golf scramble to be held on May 2

Registration forms are still being collected for the 2009 Grayling Football Golf Scramble - an annual event that helps raise money for the Grayling High School football program. The golf outing will be held at the Grayling Country Club on Saturday, May 2, at 10 a.m. **2B**

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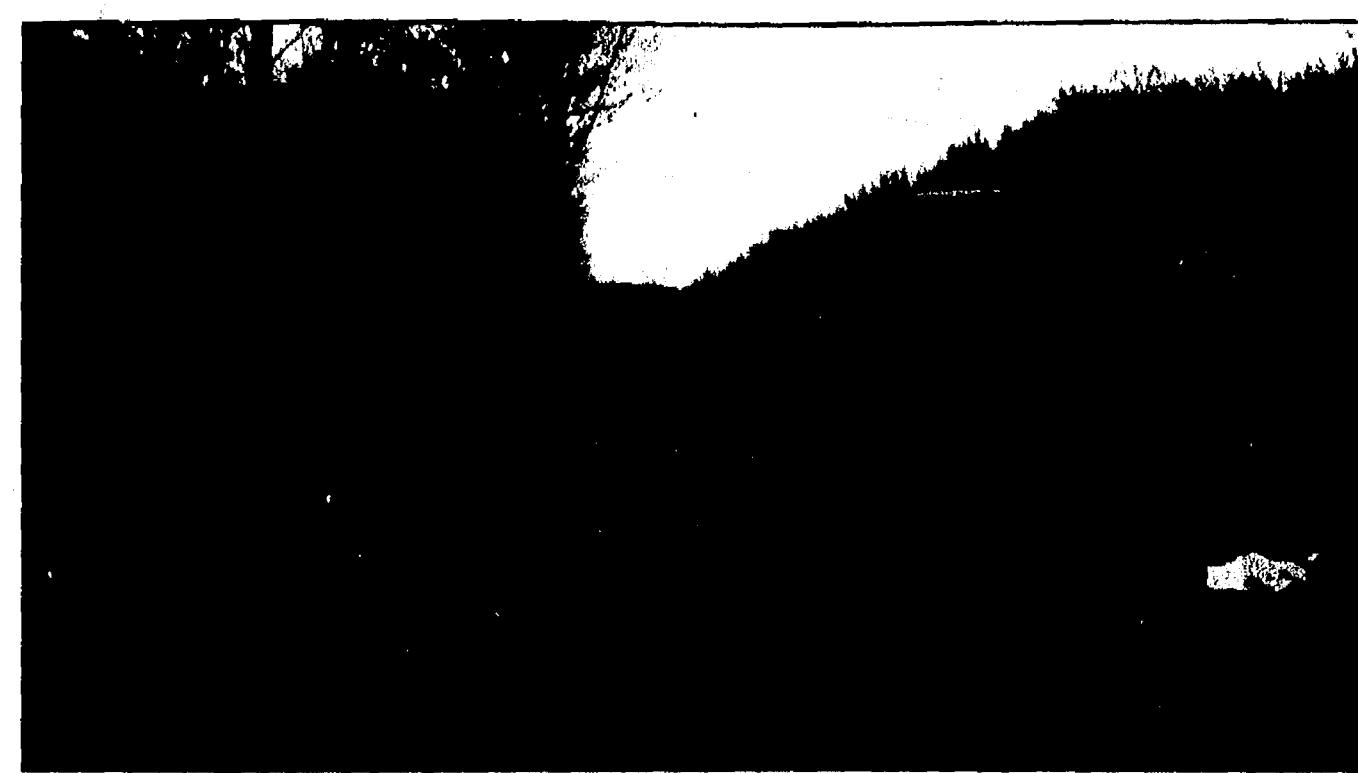
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Photos by Dan Sanderson

A semi tractor trailer hauling woodchips dumped a majority of its load off of northbound I-75 on Wednesday, April 8. Above, a backhoe from Gorilla Excavating of Gaylord starts the remediation efforts of removing soil contaminated with diesel fuel and spreading the woodchips across the ground.

Semi dumps load of woodchips off of I-75

by Dan Sanderson

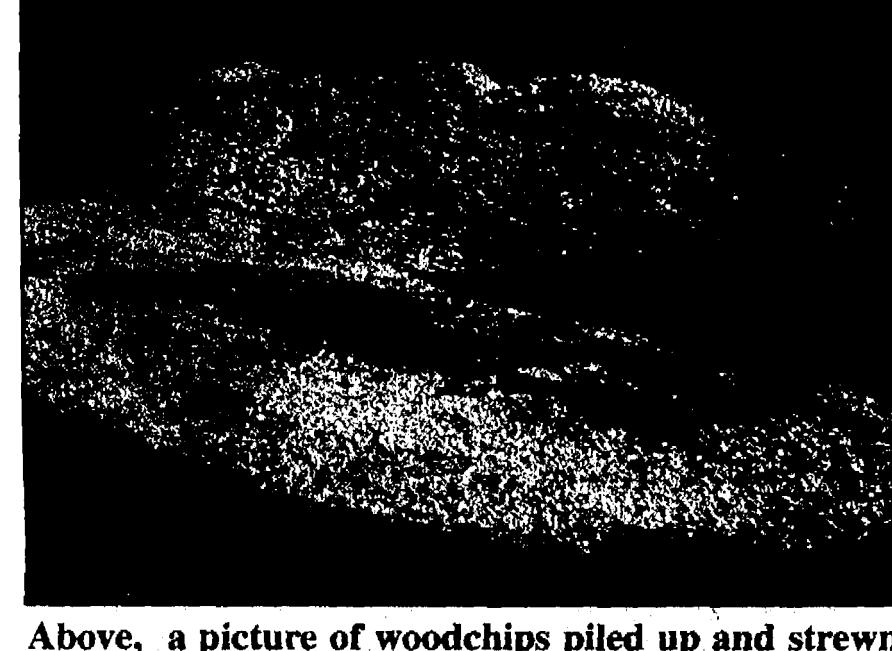
Staff Writer

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A semi truck, owned by Grand Ledge based Hickok Trucking, was traveling on northbound I-75 around 11 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, when a mechanical failure caused it to go off the east side of the expressway just north of the 261 mile marker.

Frederic Township Fire Chief Doug Pratt said the driver heard something pop in the front of the

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Above, a picture of woodchips piled up and strewn around the accident scene.

Grayling man nabbed by police after crime spree

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

Local police ended a 38-year-old Grayling man's crime spree after he broke into a restaurant, two garages and several vehicles during early morning hours on Thursday.

William Victor Zimmer Jr. was arraigned in Crawford County District Court on Monday for home invasion-first degree, a 20 year felony, and breaking and entering a vehicle to steal property under \$200. He is also being charged as habitual offender-four

events, stemming from previous breaking and entering complaints and an operating under the influence of liquor conviction in Otsego County. The habitual offender charge includes a five to 15 year prison sentence if convicted.

Crawford County Central Dispatch received a 911 call from Kay Ellen King, who lives on Golfview Drive in the City of Grayling, at 3:20 a.m. on Thursday, April 9. King reported that a male subject had entered the garage area of her home and

her vehicle parked in her driveway.

King, whose bedroom is above her garage, was awakened when she heard her garage door opening and closing. She looked down into the garage, but could not see anyone through the darkness. King has a remote garage door opener in her car.

King said she went to retrieve the keys from her car and noticed that someone had been smoking in the vehicle though she is not a smoker. Her remote garage door

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Senior Center petitions await verification

Signatures could force a referendum on the issuance of \$1.5 million in bonds

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

Signatures on petitions submitted to the Crawford County Clerk's office on Monday may delay plans to relocate the Grayling Senior Center for over a year.

Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore said that 168 petitions containing 1,604 signatures were filed in her office on Monday. The petitions were gathered to force a referendum vote on the issuance of \$1.5 million in bonds to pay for renovations and additions to the former Grayling Fish Hatchery building for a new home for the Grayling Senior Center.

The signatures on the petition still need to be verified to ensure they are from registered Crawford County voters.

Moore said she planned to seek input from the Crawford County Board of Commissioners at their Wednesday, April 15, meeting to determine the next move by county officials on the referendum vote. She said it would take a week to 10 days to verify all the signatures, due to the workload in the county clerk's and register of deeds' offices. Seniors seeking to force the referendum vote only needed to collect 1,150 signatures to put the funding proposal on the ballot.

"They've got a 400 leeway in signatures basically," Moore said.

Under the county's election consolidation plan with the state, Moore said that elections can only be held in February, May, August and November. Since 2009 is a non-election year for the state, the earliest an election could be held is August 2010. It's too late to put the funding measure on the Crawford AuSable School District's May ballot. The only other options are holding an election in conjunction with the City of Grayling's non-partisan election, which will be held on Nov. 3, or holding a special election which would require the county to pay the brunt of the costs.

"If they wait until 2010, it would be a huge savings to the county," Moore said.

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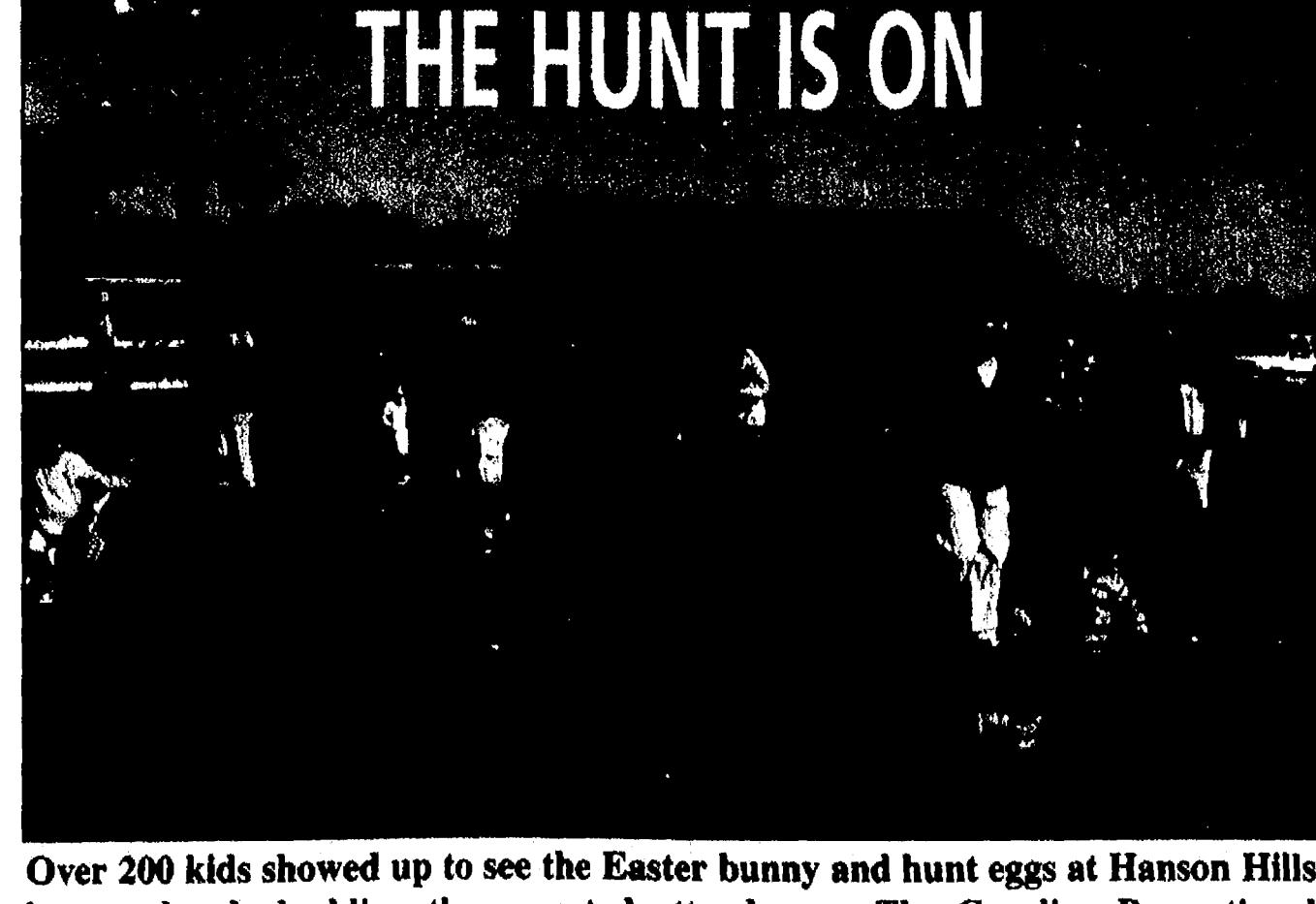
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction began on April 14, with Northbound traffic being placed on State Street and southbound traffic on the business loop placed in one lane.

M&M is scheduled to mill existing southbound lanes on April 15 and 16. Temporary gravel will be placed to accommodate business and cross road access.

On April 16 and 17, M&M is scheduled to remove the existing concrete in existing southbound lanes.

The Avalanche will be providing regular construction updates as they become available. This includes detour information and instructions for accessing businesses. Check www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com for the most up-to-date information.



Over 200 kids showed up to see the Easter bunny and hunt eggs at Hanson Hills last weekend, doubling the expected attendance. The Grayling Promotional Association provided lunch for the kids for a one dollar donation. All proceeds benefitted the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. Additionally, two Easter baskets were raffled off, with proceeds benefitting a new Hanson Hoppers Park. The raffle winners were Noah Fox and Megan Slater. "This event was a great community event, and I hope that we can make it grow and (also make it) even better next year," said event director Joni Dunckel.

Telephone poles were moved to accommodate the construction.

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Several events planned to celebrate Trout Unlimited's 50th anniversary

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

Several events and activities will be held this spring and summer to mark the 50th anniversary of Trout Unlimited.

A meeting with 16 fishermen and conservationists held at George Griffith's Fishing Lodge, "The Barbless Hook," launched Trout Unlimited in September 1959. The lodge is located just up stream from Wakeley Bridge. A year later, 300 people attended an organizational meeting for Trout Unlimited held at the American Legion Lounge and Lanes in Grayling.

The idea to create Trout Unlimited actually came from George Mason, an auto executive who donated 1,500 acres of land on the South Branch of the AuSable River to the State of Michigan known as the Mason Tract. Mason, who was treasurer for a Ducks Unlimited Chapter, approached Griffith with the plan to start a similar conservation organization dedicated to fly-fishing and natural trout reproduction in 1955. Mason died before seeing the formation of Trout Unlimited come to fruition.

Over the last five

decades, Trout Unlimited has grown to 140,000 members strong and has over 400 chapters around the country. Last year volunteers donated 620,000 hours, working for Trout Unlimited stream restoration projects, planting trees and teaching youth about conservation, to further Trout Unlimited's mission.

From the beginning, Trout Unlimited was guided by the principle that if we "take care of the fish, then the fishing will take care of itself."

Several events have been planned in the Grayling area throughout the coming months to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Trout Unlimited.

The Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library will hold a "Golden Gala" as the theme for the 6th annual Night Before the Opener party for trout fishers in Grayling.

The guest of honor and speaker is fly tying expert Jeff "Bear" Andrews, current fly fishing editor of Michigan Out-of-Doors magazine and winner of the prestigious "Buz" Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award. Fly tying demonstrators, including Jerry Regan, who is working on a new book highlighting historical trout flies that have originated in the Grayling area, will also be at the gala.

A fly rod restoration demonstration and discussion will be led by the McKellip brothers.

The library's Griffith/Wright Collection, one of the country's largest, features more than 600 items of literature and exhibits on trout fishing, fly tying and related subjects and includes some rare first edition books and a fly tied by President Jimmy Carter.

The Lovells Township

Historical Society will hold its seventh annual Trout Fishing Opener from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 25. The 2009 featured exhibit, "The Founding of Trout Unlimited, 1959," will focus on the roles George Mason, George Griffith, Arthur Neumann and other board of director members played in the origins of Trout Unlimited.

"We're spending our time on the early years and it's all about the vision of George Mason and the original founders," said Glen Eberly, a member of The Lovells Township Historical Society Board.

Gary Neumann, Art Neumann's son, will discuss his father's recollections of activities in getting the organization started and his own memories of its founding.

"The first few years were spent trying to drum up business and get the philosophy of Trout Unlimited approved and accepted," Eberly said.

Brian Burroughs, Robert Andrus and John Walters will speak on Michigan Trout Unlimited in 2009 from state and local perspectives. Another exhibit on the centennial celebration of the AuSable River Main Branch Sunrise Club will be housed in the Lone Pine School House Museum, along with an expanded display of early fishing cabins built by Ed Kellogg.

Master fly tier Dennis Potter will exhibit his skills behind the vice. Two new presentations in the township hall this year will be Cheryl Stephan Lowes on Trout Fishing, Art, and Richard Perry on Bamboo Fly Rod Building.

The inaugural "Leaky Waders 1K Run," from downtown Lovells to the public.

On August 17-24, Trout Unlimited will host its 50th anniversary celebration and annual meeting at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Traverse City. The week-long schedule of events will include hosted fishing trips, visits with fly fishing notables, casting contests and much more.

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Twenty-eight tests are administered annually covering English/language arts, reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies. Students in the AuSable Primary School, the Grayling Elementary School, the Grayling Middle School and the Grayling High School outscored the State of Michigan average in 26 of the 28 testing areas.

This means that the students met or exceeded the state average in 93 percent of the testing areas, Powers said.

For the Crawford AuSable School District, the greatest statistical improvement was in writing as displayed with an average increase of seven percent across the six grades. Writing happens to be the area in which the state has the lowest proficiency scores, Powers said.

Meanwhile, mathematics is the curricular area in which the district has dis-

played the highest level of proficiency with a high score of 95 percent proficient in third grade and an average of 87 percent proficient across all testing levels.

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Powers noted that the test scores are showing that students are already making strides toward "Educational Excellence," which is the Crawford AuSable School District Board of Education's theme for its new strategic plan for the school district.

"Our MEAP scores over the last three years is indicative proof that our students are striving towards educational excellence," Powers said.

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Community Garden Friends launch effort to put produce on the table

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

Like Victory Gardens planted during World War I and World War II, the Crawford County Commission on Aging and Carl W. Borchers VFW Post #3736 have joined forces to provide a community garden for seniors:

A group called Community Garden Friends kicked off their efforts to establish a community garden for Grayling seniors and residents last week.

The garden will be located on five acres of land, located off of Madsen Street, which is owned by the Carl W. Borchers VFW Post #3736. The land was donated to the veterans' organization by the late Beth Seator.

Bill Borchers, post commander for the Carl W. Borchers VFW Post #3736 and a cousin of Carl W. Borchers, a pilot killed during the Vietnam War, said there is the potential to have as many as 50 garden plots on the property.

"It's a positive use for the land and it's positive for the community," Borchers said.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging is the sponsor for the garden project. The Crawford County Michigan State University Extension (MSU Extension) and the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library will serve as educational resources for the initiative.

The garden plots will be assigned to seniors and residents who can plant vegetables, flowers and herbs on their individual plots. Howard Taylor, vice chairman of the Crawford County Commission on Aging Board and founder of Wellington Farm USA, has volunteered to till and pre-

pare the land for the garden plots.

The Community Garden Friends will hold their next meeting at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 16. The plots will be assigned to their caretakers in May.

"It will be on a first come-first serve basis and will be based on need," said Sandra Moore, the Crawford County Clerk/Registrar of Deeds who is certified master gardener through the MSU Extension.

Seeds will be provided by the MSU Extension and the Crawford County Department of Human Services office.

Organizers plan to install a water meter at Jerry Lamont's nearby home for the garden.

There are no fees to get a plot, but gardeners will have to sign a hold-harmless agreement for any potential injuries or accidents that may occur on the property.

Raised flower beds to serve the handicapped, benches, picnic tables and a shed to store tools are planned to be located on the property.

"If that comes to fruition, that's going to be a bigger plus," Moore said.

Barb Selesky, a senior spearheading the Community Garden Friends project, said organizers want to leave politics regarding the future of the Grayling Senior Center out of the picture. The property has been identified as a potential site for the senior center if the Commission on Aging opts to build a new facility rather than moving to the Grayling Fish Hatchery building.

"The seniors still have dreams of going over there and we don't want to get involved in that issue," Selesky said.

Grayling High School students who need community service hours required for graduation will be recruited to help with the garden project. Local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will also be sought to volunteer.

"They can support and assist others, get some exercise and enjoy the out-of-doors," Selesky said.

Moore, who is the youngest of eight children in Madsen family, said she is particularly excited about the project, since her family homesteaded in that area of the community.

"It just makes it a little more special for me," she said. "I want to be very hands on and someday I want to use what I learn from the garden project and put it to work."

Senior Joyce Cousins said Community Garden Friends is a perfect project to get seniors active.

Victory Gardens, also called war gardens or food gardens for defense, were vegetable, fruit and herb gardens planted at private residences in the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada during World War I and World War II to reduce the pressure on the public food supply brought on by the war effort. In addition to indirectly aiding the war effort, the gardens were also considered a morale booster since gardeners could feel empowered by their contribution of labor and rewarded by the produce grown.

Cousins hopes to pick up some tips she can use in her own garden.

"I expect to learn a lot more, and basically I want to be there helping others," Cousins said. "We need as many people that can come down and pitch in."

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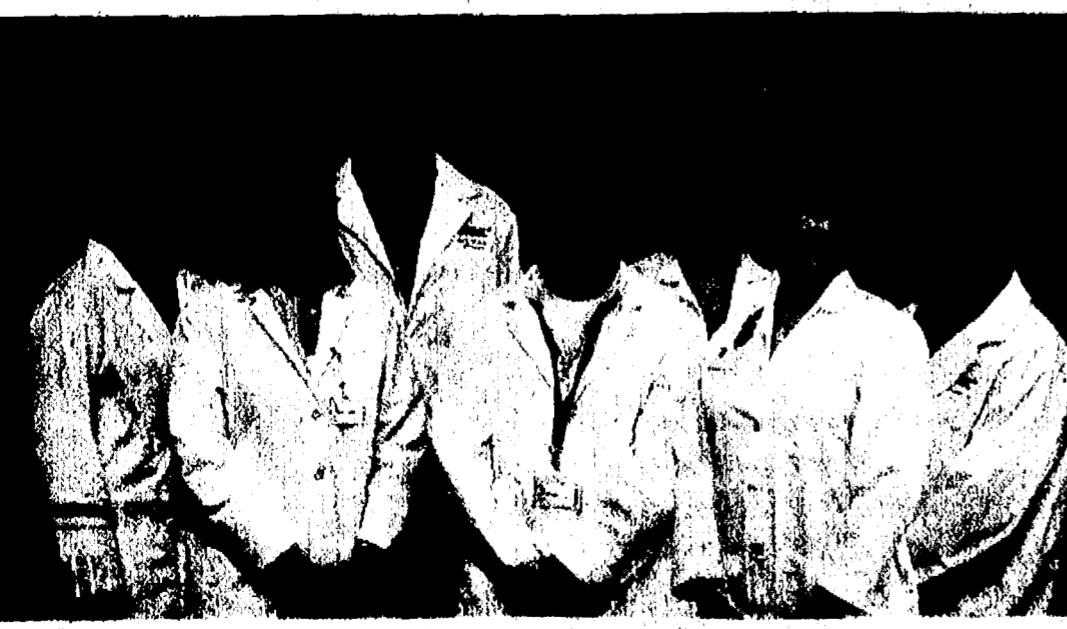
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Issues and Opinions

Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Navy finally ends standoff with pirates



IT TOOK FIVE days but the US Navy finally brought an end to what could have been an international embarrassment to the United States and its citizens.

A team of Navy snipers shooting simultaneously killed three outlaw Somali pirates and wounded a fourth who had been holding the captain of an American freighter hostage for 100 hours.

The scene and how it played out is difficult to envision.

The 17,000 ton American cargo ship — the Maersk Alabama — with 20 crew members was delivering American-donated food through the risky Gulf of Aden headed for hungry people in Rwanda, Somalia and Uganda when five pirates in a small boat tried to hijack the ship to demand ransom, as pirates have done with dozens of private ships and hundreds of individuals in recent months.

Alabama Capt. Richard Phillips ordered crew mem-

bers to lock themselves into quarters and offered himself to the pirates as hostage.

The crew and ship were saved and Capt. Phillips was taken captive aboard a covered lifeboat with four of the five original pirates; the sixth was captured and held by the Alabama crew.

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THE ALABAMA continued to its scheduled port in Kenya, but several US Navy vessels zeroed in on the Indian Ocean site of the action, and a standoff resulted between the bouncing lifeboat with the captive captain and the Navy.

Negotiations with the pirates didn't work, and finally, when Capt. Phillips' life appeared in immediate danger — he was observed tied up with an AK-47 pointed directly at his back — the Navy, having direct prior approval of President Obama, finally acted.

When the pirates showed either their heads or shoulders in the open, four Navy snipers standing on the fan-

tail of the destroyer USS Bainbridge fired simultaneously. Three pirates were killed, the fourth wounded, and quickly surrendered.

Now that's some great marksmanship. The snipers were "extremely, extremely well trained," said a Navy spokesperson. They sure were.

Capt. Phillips was free and physically unharmed.

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MANY AMERICANS who had been entranced from afar with the attempted hijacking and the fate of the heroic captain had a common question:

Why did it take so long for America to act decisively?

As mentioned above, it's difficult to envision the scene, with four pirates and a hostage in a small covered lifeboat, matching wills and power with the US destroyer Bainbridge, two other warships, and Navy helicopters massed in the area of the Indian Ocean where the drama played out.

The narrow waterway from the Gulf of Aden leads into the Indian Ocean, and the well traveled sea lanes down the east side of Africa, especially near the long coasts of Somalia, have made commercial shipping an inviting target for renegade groups of freebooters working out of Somalia, which apparently has no effective central government to control them or much of anything else.

The popular myth has been that the pirates operate at random, but several self-proclaimed pirates as quoted in *Associated Press* reports, predicted dire results because of the Navy success.

"From now on, if we capture foreign ships and their respective countries try to attack us, we will kill" hostages, said Jamac Habeb, identified as a 30-year-old pirate. "They will become our number one enemy."

Another pirate, Abdullah Lami, said: "Every country will be treated the way it

treats us. In the future, America will be the one mourning and crying. We will retaliate (for) the killings of our men."

Either the AP found a couple of chest-thumping self-inflated macho-type pirates to quote, or there is considerable organization among the lawless pirate movement, and the pirates are not individual gangs of soldiers-of-fortune acting at random.

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IT'S A TOUCHY and difficult problem to control, and direct military action has been uncommon. France and India are a couple of countries which have taken military steps in the past.

A few days before the US action, French commandos attacked a pirate-held private sailboat and freed four hostages, but the French owner of the board was killed. Two pirates were killed and three taken prisoner.

It is an international problem, and begs for interna-

tional solutions. Right now, pirates are holding for ransom more than a dozen ships and about 230 sailors. Hostages come from Bulgaria, China, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Russia, Taiwan, Ukraine, the Philippines and perhaps other nations.

The American action "could escalate violence in this part of the world, no question about it," warned Vice Adm. Bill Gortney, commander of US Naval Forces Central Command.

He may be right. But for the moment, most Americans probably feel a sense of pride that their country went to the aid of one of our own, and had not only the means but also the guts to handle the instant problem.

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Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is April 19 through 25, and Mercy Hospice would like to honor its hospice and palliative care volunteers who bring hope, dignity and love to those facing a life-limiting illness.

Hospice and palliative care volunteers make sure that the people they care for and their families find hope within each day, have their dignity preserved, and are surrounded by love even at the final moments of life. Most hospice volunteers choose to give their time helping others because of their own experiences with the compassionate care hospice provided to their dying loved one or because they feel the need to help.

Hospice began in this country about 30 years ago as a largely, volunteer-driven community movement, and volunteers continue to be at the heart of hospice.

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization reports that there are an estimated 400,000 hospice volunteers providing more than 16 million hours of service to hospice programs each year. The typical hospice volunteer devoted 45.1 hours of time last year.

Here in the nine county area surrounding Grayling, more than 40 volunteers provide 2,500 hours per year to help Mercy Hospice care for patients and families in our communities. Hospice volunteers are a valuable component of the compassionate care that Mercy Hospice offers to people in our community.

Volunteers bring hope, love, and dignity to families who are going through one of life's most difficult times. As our country again turns its focus to service, we are pleased that we have this opportunity to honor our hospice and palliative care volunteers.

It is federally mandated under Medicare that five percent of all patient care hours be provided by trained volunteers. This regulation was included in the Medicare hospice legislation to recognize the vital role that volunteers play in the hospice philosophy of care. These dedicated volunteers are integral members of the interdisciplinary team of professionals who provide care at the end of life.

During this special week, let us in recognizing and thanking all volunteers who give so much of themselves in service to others.

Features of Crawford County do not lend itself to the proposed ORV ordinance

To the editor:

I was out of town and unable to attend the informational meeting on April 2 regarding the proposed ordinance. However, after talking with some people in attendance, reviewing the marked up map at the county building and reading newspaper accounts, it appears the unique features of Crawford County do not lend itself well to adoption of this ordinance in any fashion. Please consider the following:

The rivers, military base, state roads, lakes, etc. virtually preclude contiguous mobility from trailhead to trailhead via county roads.

County roads are already infamous for their decrepit condition and cannot withstand further assault from the aggressive tire tread design of ORVs.

Most of the local people supporting this ordinance do so in hopes of being able to access the ORV trails from their homes. Evidently this option is off the table due to road commission and DNR concerns. What, then, is the benefit to the local community?

Most of the "summer resi-

dents" aren't here yet and are unaware of this proposal. Widespread exposure and government transparency are essential to adopting an equitable plan.

I live in Frederic and gathered from the map at the county building that Batterson Road is being considered for ORV use. Batterson Road is part of the Shore to Shore horse and foot trail and has frequent horse traffic in the summer months. Mixing this use with ORV use seems dangerous and foolhardy.

The state legislation authorizing the county the option of adopting this ordinance is deeply flawed and may not withstand constitutional scrutiny. What this legislation does is usurp our motor vehicle statutes and authorizes the county board to endanger its citizens without incurring any liability. Nice work if you can get it, but I wouldn't feel secure in being free of all liability once the carnage starts to pile up on county roads.

There are many user groups taking advantage of what Crawford County offers. Most of these groups do not intrude or

detract from the experience of other groups while pursuing their activities (ie. fishing, hiking, hunting, canoeing and skiing to name just a few). That cannot be said of ORVs. Whatever the benefits to the users may be, ORVs are noisy, environmentally damaging and dangerous to pedestrians among other things.

Why should the ORV user group be allowed to detract from the experience of other user groups?

At the informational meeting I attended last fall, the ORV lobbyist presented a map showing all the counties that had or were about to adopt an ORV ordinance and conveyed a sense of urgency to get on the bandwagon or be left behind the other counties. I urge the county commission to consider the flip side of that argument: by not enacting an ORV ordinance Crawford County could be unique in presenting and preserving its natural abundance to all user groups and enhance its economic standing in the process.

Jack Kurtz
Frederic

Where is the justice?

To the editor:

Regarding the letter in the Avalanche from Marcia Royer. About the let's make a deal court system we have in Crawford County instead of prosecuting.

I also believe if you can't tell the difference between hitting a human being or a deer, you should have never had a driver's

license to start with.

A man over in Williamsburg kills a dog he said was harassing his animals, he gets arrested with \$10,000 bail, and if convicted, can face up to four years in prison plus a \$10,000 fine. It seems to me like he should have brought the dog to Crawford County and got in on the let's make a deal

regarding the case that was in the Avalanche on March 26, killing a human being, getting a hit and run and a bunch of other charges and only getting up to a year in jail. Where is the justice? I see none.

Lloyd Crawford
Grayling

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Briefs

Pictionary Olympics to be held

GPA's 22nd annual Pictionary Olympics will be held on Friday, April 17, at the Eagles Hall. Admission is \$2 for non-team members. Teams from area businesses will be competing for the first place trophy. Snack food and a cash bar will be available. All proceeds go towards GPA's projects and donations to the community. For more information and to get an application, call Jedy at 348-7760.

Free divorce clinic to be held

A free divorce clinic will take place at the Crawford County Courthouse on April 16, at 5:30 p.m. It is sponsored by the 46th Judicial Circuit Bar Association, Legal Services of Northern Michigan Inc. and River House Shelter Inc. For information, call Legal Services at 989-705-1067.

COA Out to Lunch at the Flying Fish

The Out to Lunch Gang of the Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale St., will be dining at the Flying Fish Lodge on April 23. They will leave the senior center at 11:30 a.m. The cost for the trip is \$12 and is limited to 16 people. For more information or for transportation, call 348-7123.

Dinner show features big band

The Ambassadors Big Band will perform as part of the Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series with a dinner show and dance floor at the Ramada Inn in Grayling, on Thursday, April 23. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available for \$30 at Riverland, downtown Grayling, or at the door. For more information call Riverland at 989-344-0047.

Eagles to host breakfast

The Grayling Eagles will be holding an all-you-can eat breakfast on April 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The cost is \$6 per person and children under age 10 are \$4. The public is welcome.

Church to present free concert

Bear Lake Christian Church, between Grayling and Kalkaska, will present a free concert on Sunday, April 19, at 6 p.m. with the southern and country gospel group, Southern Praise.

Straits Area Ostomy Assoc. to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, April 19, at 2 p.m. in the cafeteria of Cheboygan Memorial Hospital in Cheboygan. All ostomates and interested persons are invited. Call Jack Bouck at 989-821-5721 or Suzanne Holguin at 231-347-5275 for information.

Library to host self protection class

Self Protection/Awareness for Women of all ages will be held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. Sheriff Wakefield will present the program on ways to safeguard yourself. Refreshments will be served. Call 348-9214 for information.

Band boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, at 7 p.m. in the Grayling High School Band Room. Parents of band students are encouraged to attend and become involved in activities that support the instrumental music program for all Grayling schools. Nominations or any interest in serving a position on the band booster board will be accepted at this meeting.

Weaving demonstration to be held

The AuSable Manistee Fiber Guild will present a demonstration on weaving from "sheep to shawl" and other fiber arts on April 18 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hartwick Pines Pavilion/Museum.

Health department vaccines available

Vaccines for children who will be entering kindergarten and preschool in the fall of 2009 will be available at the health department. Call 348-7800 for an appointment.

Library News

A teen and tween program titled "Guitar Hero Wars!" will be held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Friday, April 17, at 6 p.m. There will be games, snacks and a competition for the title of "Awesome Guitar Hero." Call Connie Meyer, at 348-9214, to sign up. No one

over the age of 18 is allowed unless they are a parent or guardian of a participating child.

"Fun in Frederic" will be held on Saturday, April 18, at 11 a.m. Call Connie Meyer, at 348-4067, to sign up for this children's program that includes stories, crafts and a snack.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The \$6/50 raffle winners for April 11 of \$25 each; Lisa Horn, Kim Sansridge and John L. Haynes.

Night Before the Trout Opener party set for April 24

"Golden "Gala" is the theme for the 6th annual Night Before the Opener party for trout fishers in Grayling. From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on April 24, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Mason/Griffith founding chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU), the national organization launched in Grayling in 1959.

More entertainment is scheduled this year, including music by the String Time guitar trio, for well over one hundred trout enthusiasts who typically show up on the night before the opening day of trout season for an evening of tall tale telling, trout expert talks, refreshments and fly tying demonstrations.

The guest of honor and speaker is fly tying expert Jeff "Bear" Andrews, current fly fishing editor of Michigan Out-of-Doors magazine and winner of the prestigious "Buz" Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award.

Fly tying demonstrators include Jerry Regan, who is working on a new book highlighting historical trout flies that have originated from the Grayling area.

A fly rod restoration demonstration and discussion will be led by the McKellip Brothers.

The admission-free event is hosted by the Friends of the Crawford County Library and the Mason/Griffith chapter of TU.

Golden Gala festivities are held throughout the library (www.crawfordco.lib.mi.us), located at 201 Plum Street in Grayling, home of the George Griffith and Marion Wright Memorial Collection of trout and fly fishing books and exhibits. Griffith, of Grayling, was a founding member of TU.

The Griffith / Wright Collection, one of the country's largest, features more than 600 items of literature and exhibits on trout fishing, fly tying and related subjects and includes some rare first editions and a fly tied by President Jimmy Carter.

Library Director Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson promises even more surprises in the way of food and awards for the evening.

The library receives donations of books and materials on trout fishing and fly tying, as well as other support for the Collection and its activities. Inquiries may be sent to Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson at CCLS-director@crawfordco.lib.mi.us or by writing to the library at 201 Plum St., Grayling, 49738, or by phone at 989-348-9214.

The Devereaux Library holdings catalogue may be viewed on the web at www.crawfordco.lib.mi.us. Books approved for circulation can be forwarded to the local library of the person requesting them.

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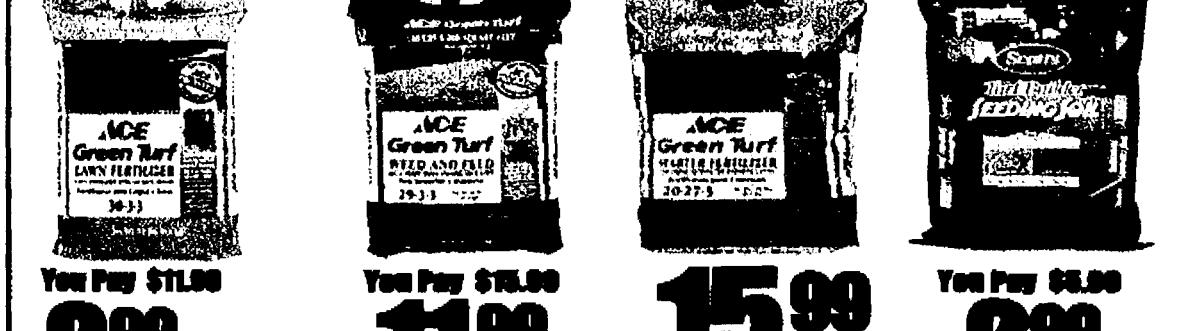
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The Bible Speaks

Why Israel's Problems

We studied in Romans 9:1-3 the revelation of the sincerity, sorrowfulness, and seriousness of Paul's burden for Israel. We studied in Romans 9:3,4 some reasons for Paul's burden because Israel had failed to respond properly to the unique sevenfold privileges God had granted them. Now in Romans 9:6 Israel's central problem is revealed. "Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel." Remember the last four of the seven privileges God granted Israel concerned, "...the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises," which speak of the revelation, inspiration, preservation, propagation, and practice of Holy Scriptures by the Jews.

First, God and His Holy Scriptures have not failed Israel. "Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect...." As Isaiah 55:11 teaches: "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper

in the thing whereto I sent it." This question about God's promises and purpose is real to Jews because of God's central promise in Romans chapter 8: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Why then have the Jews been most hated and suffered more abuse than any other ethnic group for thousands of years?

Second, God's answer is clear in Romans 9:6b: "For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel." Just because one claimed the name Jew, Hebrew or Israelite did not prove him/her to be a part of God's real or true Israel. Since America was founded upon our Declaration of God's unalienable rights of life, liberty, and property, and our U.S. Constitution was written to protect our liberty under law, we could also ask the same question: "Has God's Purpose for America Failed?"

"Not as though the Declaration of Independence and U. S. Constitution hath taken none effect. For they are not all Americans, which are of America." Illegal immigrants, Globalists, Marxists, and Atheists may be freely living in America and even be

called Americans, but they are not all Americans, which are of America. Any person who seeks to undermine and destroy God's principles and precepts in our Declaration, our U.S. Constitution, and our national motto on all our currency, "In God We Trust" would not be called a true or real American by our Founders.

Third, God's true children are born again by inward faith and not outward show. (Romans 2:28,29). False prophets wear sheep's clothing, but are wolves on the inside. (Matt. 23:26-28). They appear pure and righteous on the outside, but they are rotten to the core on the inside. (Matt. 23:26-28). Being either a true Israelite or a true Christian always begins with substance and not symbolism. (Romans 4:11-13). "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love." (Gal. 5:6) Jesus said to believing Jews in John 8:31,22: "...If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Pastor "B"

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209 First St. - Suite 103 - Grayling
(989) 732-7001

Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October

2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm

Sunday School 10:30 am

St. John Lutheran



Traditional Service 9 am

Coffee Hour 10 am

Sunday School (preschool-3rd grade) 11 am

Adult Sunday School 10 am

Praise & Worship Service 11 am

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Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor: David Jorgenson
(989) 348-1909

Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance)

Saturday Church Service 9:30 am

Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am

Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based and non-denominational)

Pastor: Larry Hankins

8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells

(989) 348-2701

Sunday School (youth & adult) 9:30 am

Morning Worship 11 am

Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor: Rick Seccord
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093

Early Service 8:30 am

Sunday School 10 am

Morning Service 11 am

Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne

Sunday Worship 11 am

Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-1411
heritagebaptist-grayling.org

1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.

(1/4 mile west of I-75)

Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 11 am

Evening Worship 6 pm

Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor: Gary Wojdan

701 S. I-75 Business Loop

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Morning Worship 10:30 am

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Obituaries

Julie A. Rollins

Julie Ann Rollins, born on January 28, 1961, passed away on April 11, 2009.

No services are planned at this time.

Senior Citizen News

Riness, Kivel wed



Kimberly Riness and Cory Kivel

Kimberly Colleen Riness and Cory Alan Kivel, both of Grayling, were married on April 1 at the Burning Bush Tabernacle in Grayling, with Reverend Patricia Petrie officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Dale and Jacqueline Burpee of the Grayling area.

The groom is the son of Gary and Paulette Kivel of Lupton and Patricia and Daniel Anderson of Lewiston.

Kim was a 10 year employee and co-manager of Wendy's of Grayling class.

Tuesday, April 21

Lunch - shepherd's pie,

cauliflower and grapefruit.

Dinner - liver and onions,

fried cabbage with bacon,

carrots and fruit cocktail.

10 a.m. Tone and Tubes

and Bible Study, 12:30 p.m.

Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

blood pressure/sugar

checks.

Wednesday, April 22

Lunch - deluxe hamburger

on a bun, lettuce and tomato,

O'Brien potatoes and

apricots. Dinner - baked

ham, glazed sweet potatoes,

Brussels sprouts, pineapple

and pineapple cake.

10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m.

pool

league and COA Board

Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

Thursday, April 23

Lunch - lemon pepper

chicken over noodles, winter

blend vegetables, carrots

and pears. Dinner -

Swedish meatballs, mashed

potatoes, cauliflower,

broccoli cuts and grapes.

10 a.m. craft class, 11:30 a.m.

Flying Fish Lodge, 2 p.m.

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Semi dumps load of woodchips off of I-75

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truck before the accident occurred. Pratt said it was unclear if something in the truck's hydraulic or steering mechanisms had failed. Pratt added that the tires of the truck were pointed in opposite directions while it was laying off the roadway.

Pratt said the truck's driver, based out of Lake City, had just started his run, so drowsiness was not an issue. The woodchips were being hauled to Escanaba.

Beaver Creek Township's Hazardous Material Response team

was called to the scene to plug a fuel tank that was leaking diesel fuel.

The left lane on the expressway was maintained at all times. The road was only closed for about 15 minutes, holding up just two vehicles, while Ron's Wrecker Service of Gaylord removed the rig.

An employee from Otsego Lake Service oversaw the remediation efforts at the accident scene on Thursday afternoon. Soil, where the diesel fuel spill occurred, was removed by Gorilla Excavating of Gaylord.

Dave Lindsay, a geologist for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Gaylord office, said the soil was removed and put in a container. State officials are awaiting a decision between Hickok Trucking and Waste Management Inc., the owner of the Waters landfill, to determine if the soil can be disposed of at the landfill.

DEQ officials allowed the woodchips to be thinly spread at the accident scene since they are biodegradable.

"It's not an environmental hazard since they are untreated woodchips," Lindsay said.

Quick response to the fuel spill and large piles of woodchips laying by the roadway helped quell fears from area residents regarding potential wildfires.

Pratt said it would take direct access from a flame to ignite the diesel fuel.

"We appreciate the speedy response from the owner of the trucking company and for the quick response cleaning up hazardous material that leaked into ground," Pratt said.

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Grayling man nabbed by police after crime spree

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opener was also in the car. Then she saw a man smoking while walking down Golfview Drive and called 911.

"It was pretty scary to wake up in the middle of night and hear your garage door opening and closing," King said.

The Grayling City Police responded to the scene and investigated the complaint. Grayling City Police Officer Mike Gannicchia gave a description of the suspect to Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies and Troopers from the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police, who assisted in searching the area.

Officers made contact with a male subject matching the suspect's description walking along the I-75 Business Loop. After questioning, Zimmer admitted to entering King's vehicle

and residence. He was taken into custody, charged with first-degree home invasion and larceny from a motor vehicle and transported to the Crawford County Jail.

Later in the morning, Grayling Police Department officers were notified of a break in at Ted's Canadian Fish and Steak Company. Police also discovered that another garage and several other vehicles were entered in the area. Information at the crime scenes linked Zimmer to the complaints.

Carol Carney, the owner of Ted's Canadian Fish and Steak Company, said Zimmer broke a window to gain access to the building. He also tried to enter the office of the restaurant, but when he could not get the door open, broke two other windows in the rear of the building.

Carney said Zimmer took three bottles of liquor and

about \$8 in change from the restaurant's cash register.

Carney estimated that the restaurant incurred about \$2,000 in damage from the broken windows and the food which had to be discarded in areas where the windows were broken.

Zimmer is being held in the Crawford County Jail in lieu of a \$50,000 bond.

Office and the City Police for bringing Zimmer into custody in a timely manner. Baum said more reports will be forwarded to the Crawford County Prosecutor's Office for additional charges.

Baum recommends that people lock their vehicles even if they are parked in their driveways.

King, a retired City of Grayling clerk, said she was also pleased with the speedy response from police who advised her to call 911 before putting herself in danger during a suspicious situation.

Zimmer is being held in the Crawford County Jail in lieu of a \$50,000 bond.

Senior Center petitions await verification

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Over the past year and a half, the Crawford County Commission on Aging has been searching for a new home for the Grayling Senior Center. The Grayling Fish Hatchery has been deemed the most desirable location by county officials and the Commission on Aging board. Some seniors have protested the move to the Grayling Fish Hatchery from the beginning of the building site search process.

Vivian Powers, who has spearheaded the petition drive, said she is pleased that a potential vote will be scheduled for the county funding.

"The seniors are angry

and they just want their voices to be heard," Powers said.

Powers said the Grayling Fish Hatchery building should be dedicated to the community's history rather than becoming a future gathering place for seniors.

"They just feel what they are doing is wrong," Powers said. "They feel that should be a fish museum instead of a place for the seniors."

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Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

How much of the county should be open for ORV traffic?

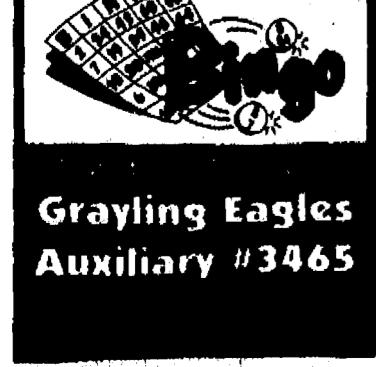
All roads.	Some roads.	No roads.
55 votes 45%	40 votes 33%	26 votes 21%

This week's online poll question: Which Michigan sports team is most likely to win a league championship this season?

Military News

In a ceremony held on the Army's 233rd birthday, 10 Multi-National Division-Baghdad non-commissioned officers were inducted into that highly esteemed club at Freedom Rest in the International Zone in Baghdad on June 14, 2008. Among those inducted was Staff Sgt. Walter (Chip) Waite.

He is a 1995 graduate of Grayling High School and joined the Army in 1997.



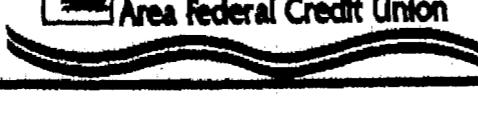
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Anglers of the AuSable announce a double-match grant

Anglers of the AuSable, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving, protecting and enhancing the AuSable River system for future generations, recently announced a double-match grant from the Orvis Company together with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation will each contribute a dollar. The money raised will help restore wooded debris in the river as well as stabilize eroding banks damaged by logging companies in the last century.

The river was stripped of most of its natural trout habitat during that time," Gates said. "These monies will go a long way to restore the habitat." This work will be done just below the Mason Tract from Smith Bridge at M-72 downstream to where the South Branch flows into the main branch of the AuSable.

The South Branch of the AuSable River flows through what is known as "The Mason Tract," representing miles of undeveloped wilderness. "The South Branch of the AuSable represents some of the most pristine trout streams in the Lower Peninsula," said Rusty Gates, president of the Anglers of the AuSable. "People come from all over the world to enjoy the beauty and solitude afforded by this river."

The matching grant sponsored by the Orvis Company, based in Manchester, Vt., and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is a unique two-to-one match.

In 1955, when industrialist George W. Mason gifted to the State of Michigan 14 miles of undeveloped river and surrounding land for fishermen, it became known as "The Mason Tract." The Anglers of the AuSable last year were instrumental in helping to defend the Mason Tract from drilling, thus preserving this special wilderness area as Mr. Mason intended. Through the years, the Mason Tract has become synonymous with the South Branch of the AuSable.

"With this double-match grant, Mr. Mason's legacy will continue to be carried into the 21st century and beyond," Gates said. "It is truly remarkable to see this type of grant offered in the present economy, and we are very thankful to Orvis and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation."

Money can be pledged through Orvis or a check can be directed to The Anglers of the AuSable, 403 Black Bear Drive, Grayling, MI 49738, indicating the donation is for the Orvis grant. Deadline for contributions is Dec. 31, 2009. For more information, contact Bruce Pregler, Anglers of the AuSable, at 248-813-9900.

Michigan folk and country singer to headline at AuSable Expo

Mike Ridley, a folk/country singer from Indian River, will perform on Saturday, April 25, at the AuSable Expo in the conference rooms at the Ramada Inn Grayling.

Expo Chair Don Mason explained, "The planning team is excited to feature a musician and entertainer of Mike's caliber at the first AuSable Expo. We're confident that his entertainment will add to the enjoyment of all attending the Expo."

The day Ridley received his third layoff notice in two years while teaching public school in rural northern Michigan, he began to suspect that destiny was calling.

So, from the middle brow world of small town academia he tuned his guitar and turned his attention to the heartburn and hangovers of smoke filled beer gardens, bowling alleys and dusk to dawn cribbage games.

Along the way he acquired a taste for the night life and a penchant for story telling. Soon he became a regular favorite in the counties bordering the upper Great Lakes, but felt the need to journey south to Detroit and dive into a folk/country scene that he soon discovered had long since dissipated.

Encouraged by his wife and a lack of reserve capital, he stuck to his "craft," writing and singing songs by night and by day suffering the humiliation and raw terror of substitute teaching. Ridley sensed providence was directing him into the music business or specifically, preventing him from landing a "real" day job.

Consequently, he devoted his energy and attention to

creating a full-time occupation of playing local bars. Weaving his stories, anecdotes and humor in and out of a seemingly endless well of music, he began to realize his ambitions and with the help of legions of loyal fans, began packing major metropolitan clubs.

In early 1989, he joined the popular and highly rated WRIF morning radio show, writing novelty songs and parodies of current Motown and national political happenings. This became the springboard for his first national single, "Rubber Doll," which led to a recording contract with Detroit based R&A Records. "Attitude Check," his first CD, was released in 1990.

Through the years Ridley has headlined concerts at Oakland University, John Carroll, Northern Michigan University, Michigan State University and University of Michigan-Dearborn. He has opened at major venues for such musical acts that include Bobby Vinton, Three Dog Night, The New Mamas and the Papas, Don McLean, Tanya Tucker, Carol King, The Pointer Sisters and Cheap Trick. He has also opened for major comedy acts Elayne Boosler, Richard Lewis and Tim Allen.

His last full length studio release, "One of a Kind," came out in 1996, and in 1998 a single from the album, "Michigan Man," was nominated as the official state song of Michigan.

For more information about the upcoming Expo, contact Don Mason at 989-348-3921, check out www.ausableexpo.com, or http://www.upnorthlive.com/.

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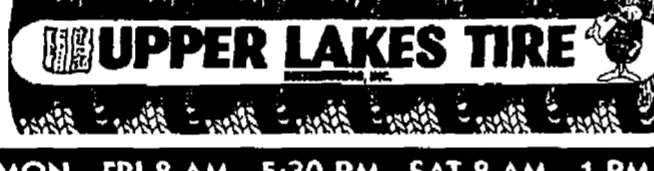
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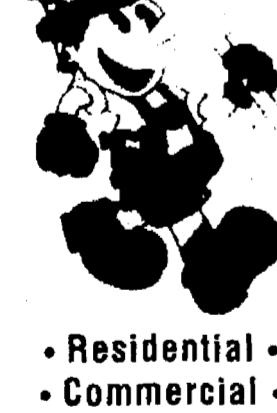
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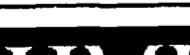
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Expert to host forum on cyber crime

As communications technology advances, it is now possible to interact in ways that were not possible just a few years ago. Although there are many advantages to these advances, there are dangers, too.

The Crawford County Probate Court is sponsoring a special forum to discuss some of these dangers.

The event will take place on Monday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School Media Center. Patrick Corbett, a professor of law, will serve as an expert guest speaker for the event, which has been designed specifically for parents.

Corbett served as a federal prosecutor for 10 years, functioning as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. In 1999, he was recruited by former Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm to help start the High Tech Crime Unit at the Michigan Attorney General's Office.

He served as the deputy chief of that unit for over two years, investigating and prosecuting federal and state internet and computer related crimes.

Now, in addition to teaching at Cooley Law School, Corbett talks with students, parents and educators throughout Michigan about the state's cyber crimes laws.

In this forum, Corbett will address ideas on how to prevent kids from engaging, unwittingly or unwittingly, in cyber crimes by helping clarify what types of activities may constitute criminal conduct.

Honors



Marie Kripli

Marie Kripli received this year's scholarship from the Crawford and Oscoda Counties Chapter of the Michigan Association of

Aside from awareness of these laws, he will also talk about the importance of diligent communication between parents and youth.

Corbett comes to the local community through a grant obtained by the probate court from the local Youth Advisory Council of the Crawford County Community Foundation.

With the advent of cell phones, it is possible to stay in touch virtually anywhere and at any time. These devices can now be used for texting, taking pictures and browsing the internet.

Meanwhile, internet communication has been revolutionized by social networking web sites such as Facebook and MySpace.

With all of these technologies, social networking opportunities have grown exponentially compared to what was available a generation ago. In many cases, kids are much more adept at using these technologies than parents.

Unfortunately, it is possible for social networking tools such as Facebook and MySpace to lead to incidences of bullying and even the subjection of kids to predatory behaviors.

According to the Crawford County Probate Court, parents don't always realize when kids are doing things that could harm them or damage their futures.

Not all parents are aware of what qualifies as prohibited conduct, which can make it difficult to warn kids about how to stay out of trouble.

The probate court reports that, on both state and national levels, for kids

ranging from sixth grade and up, "cell phones and computers are quickly vaulting our youth into situations that can hurt their futures."

On behalf of the probate court and the Crawford AuSable School District (CASD), Judge Monte Burmeister and CASD Superintendent Joe Powers have endeavored to advise parents of a danger that is often unperceived until serious damage has been done.

"As our youth travel through adolescence, with all the exuberance, enthusiasm and curiosity that come with it, we don't want them to harm themselves or others," said Judge Monte Burmeister. "This becomes an issue because they have at their disposal technology that has an infinitely broader reach than they can fathom."

Michigan has various criminal laws that can be triggered by kids and computer use.

For example, MCL

750.155a prohibits "accosting, enticing or soliciting a child for an immoral purpose," and MCL 750.145d deals with "use of (a) internet or computer system" for "prohibited communication."

Because of the technology involved, Michigan courts consider the use of a cell phone as computer use. Therefore, use of cell phones in a manner which runs afoul of the prohibited communications statutes may constitute a criminal act.

An additional concern about how communication technology may propel kids into criminal conduct is that certain communications may actually land them on the sexual offender registry.

"Thus, this technology, while seemingly innocent enough, has the potential to victimize kids, both on the receiving and sending end," said Burmeister.

Submitted by the Crawford County Probate Court.

RECYCLING SUGGESTIONS

Although egg cartons are always accepted in the Grayling Community Recycling Center, you might want to try recycling this common household item at home before taking it to the center.

One fun way to do this is by making a "basketball hoop" game for kids. Start by cutting out an egg carton cup hole for each player. Next, cut several cardboard rectangles, measuring approximately five by eight inches.

Next, poke a hole in the bottom of the egg cup and cut off the bottom portion of a straw. Insert the straw into the cardboard rectangle. Then, the ball will go through! This is the basic basketball hoop.

Cut a basketball out of craft foam.

Tape the egg carton net to the front of the craft foam backboard and the straw to the back of the craft foam backboard so an造就 kids can write "Basketball" around the straw before laying the straw on.

If the paper cleaner is extended past the bottom edge of the cardboard rectangle, then the ball will go through the straw.

Have your own recycling suggestion? Share it with the community! Send an e-mail to graylingrecycling.com or write to "C. Thomas Riegler, D.D.S., 1664 Hartwick Pines Rd., Grayling, MI 49738". Look for a new recycling tip next week!

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A.R.K. holding new volunteer training

Association to Rescue Kritters (A.R.K.) is once again preparing for the wildlife babies that will begin arriving at "The A.R.K." very soon. In the next few weeks, baby bunnies, squirrels, raccoons, fawns and birds will be taken there by people that find them in need of help.

To be sure that there are enough people available to help them, A.R.K. will begin New Volunteer Training Classes on two Wednesdays, April 22 and 29, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Backus Township Hall, 3888 S. Maple Valley Rd. (F-97) St. Helen, nextdoor to "The A.R.K."

Training classes are open to anyone that is interested in helping wildlife be able to return to the wild. Classes will give anyone interested in working "hands on" with the baby animals the training they will need to be able to feed and care for the injured and orphaned kritters. A.R.K. is a 100 percent volunteer based organization and is funded 100 percent by donations and grants.

This is a wonderful opportunity to work hands on with animals that can only be cared for by licensed wildlife rehabilitators, and help them grow, thrive and be released.

If you are interested in attending, or have questions, call the A.R.K. at 989-389-3305. This class is open to the public, anyone interested in learning more about wildlife rehabilitation is invited to attend.

46th Circuit Trial Court

Sentencings for March

2009

Hon. Janet M. Allen

Shaun Lee Blackmun, age 29 of Grayling - Plead no contest on Feb. 2, 2009, to malicious destruction of fire/police property and police officer-assault; sentenced on March 2, 2009, to serve 180 days in jail with credit for 84 days served; ordered to pay \$1,090.05 restitution, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$60 state minimum costs; placed on probation for 24 months.

Bryon Michael Bowen, age 20 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Feb. 5, 2009, to breaking and entering with intent; sentenced on March 5, 2009, to serve 365 days in jail with credit for 55 days served; ordered to pay \$8,338.70 restitution, \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$325 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 24 months.

Merry Lynn Meredith, age 63 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Feb. 13, 2009, to operating-operating under the influence of liquor/per se second-offense; sentenced on March 16, 2009, to serve 90 days in jail with credit for eight days served; ordered to pay \$45 state minimum costs, \$50 crime victim rights fee, \$325 circuit court costs and \$500 penal fine; placed on probation for 12 months.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Lisa A. Lentz, age 47 of Lorain, Ohio - Plead guilty on Feb. 5, 2009, to prisons furnishing contraband to prisoner outside of prison; sentenced on March 5, 2009, to serve 90 days in jail with credit for 58 days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs and \$250 penal fine.

Kevin Joel Harper, age 47 of Roscommon - Plead guilty on Feb. 17, 2009, to retail fraud-third degree and two counts of assault and battery; sentenced on March 16, 2009, to serve 90 days in jail with credit for 31 days served; ordered to pay \$350 attorney fee, \$325 circuit court costs, \$50 crime victim rights fee, \$135 state minimum costs and \$18.47 restitution; placed on probation for 12 months.

David C. Smith, age 34 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Feb. 17, 2009, to retail fraud-third degree and two counts of assault and battery; sentenced on March 16, 2009, to serve 90 days in jail with credit for 31 days served; ordered to pay \$350 attorney fee, \$325 circuit court costs, \$50 crime victim rights fee, \$135 state minimum costs and \$18.47 restitution; placed on probation for 12 months.

Honors

International Academy of Design and Technology

Sarah Golnick, of Grayling, has earned the distinction of being included on the International Academy of Design and Technology, Troy, Honor Roll for achieving academic excellence during the 2009 winter term.

She is majoring in Interior Design and is the daughter of Chris and Linda Golnick of Grayling.

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Bring natural light into the home simply and affordably and watch spirits increase as the energy bills decrease.

Is your home in need of a home design stimulus plan?

(ARA) - These days bailouts are common, but not many Americans have considered it for their home design. Does lifeless and cluttered design leave your home in need of a makeover?

Lifestyle and design expert Susie Coelho is out to change all of that with a sweeping Home Design Stimulus Plan that offers immediate and effective relief for homeowners to

boost their surroundings, both inside and out, without busting their budgets.

"Homeowners have been clamoring for widespread reform both inside and outside of the home," says Coelho, who has provided guidance and support to homeowners for years with her best-selling books and HGTV makeover shows Surprise Gardener and Outer Spaces. "This plan will refresh any home

design."

The five key components to Coelho's Home Design Stimulus Plan are as follows:

1. Provide immediate relief to family and living rooms with the removal of excess furniture.

Provide relief to living and family rooms that have been over-taxed by excess furniture and accessories. Space is the basis for contemporary design and this look can be achieved by trimming down. Stimulate and breathe new life into rooms by cutting back on anything that has become a liability instead of an asset. Remove that extra wing back chair, the torn ottoman, those pillows that swallow up the sofa, and maybe even that old carpet so that you can actually see some floor.

2. Cut back on spending with the addition of only inexpensive or handmade decorative pieces.

Fool guests by creating pieces of art for little or no money. Look for branches that can be put in a vase, a painting from a garage sale or flea market, a beautiful fabric piece, or even a great piece of wallpaper that can be framed. Find large pieces that make big statements. Light the art from the bottom with a small spotlight that can be tucked behind the piece. Let the art be the star of the room.

3. Infuse natural light into the home for an immediate morale (and energy efficient) boost.

Bring natural light into the home simply and affordably, and watch spirits increase as the energy bills decrease. Windows are a piece of art and can be used to showcase an outdoor tree or plant and create that seamless look between the indoors and the outdoors - but they must be clean. According to a recent survey, almost half of homeowners (48 percent) would rather clean the toilet or shower than their outdoor windows. For many that may be because of the time and effort that goes into the chore, but it can be simple and the results can be dra-

matic.

4. Give outdoor areas some incentives by taking the best of interior design outside.

Bring change to your home by styling the outdoor spaces using simple indoor techniques. Add an outdoor rug to soften the patio floor; bring in a side table as a focal point or even an outdoor leather ottoman. Elevate the planter to the status it merits by placing it on a table instead of the ground. Add some decorative pillows to make the outdoor furniture more inviting. If in the market for furniture, choose those pieces that have the flexibility to be used either indoors or out.

5. Bail out your backyard!

No backyard challenge is insurmountable with these helpful hints for bringing quick relief to the outdoor areas. No place to plant? Go vertical in your garden with trellises, walls, arbors and planters. Use ivy, ficas, bougainvillea, night blooming jasmin, gardenias, and other fragrant species to stimulate the senses. Small spaces? Give the illusion of space by using a mirror to reflect and open up areas, adding an entirely new dimension.

With these easy tips, the indoor and outdoor spaces will look fabulous in no time. Next on the to-do list: find an excuse for a party to show off the beautifully refreshed home.

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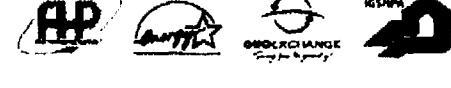
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Use home maintenance as prevention, not correction

(NewsUSA)

Maintenance is a process that many Americans think only needs to be performed when something breaks or has a problem. But when we look into the meaning of the word "maintenance," what we will realize is that it actually refers to the upkeep and prevention of these problems.

The warmer seasons are a great time to check your house from the outside. Maintenance used as a preventative measure will both protect your house from larger problems and save you money in the long run. The following simple checklist by www.housemaster.com can help you make a thorough seasonal evaluation of your home.

The landscape:
Check the condition of driveways and walkways. Window wells, dry wells and storm drains should be clear of blockage. Check retaining walls for cracks, bulges and leaning. You should trim bushes and trees and check out-buildings, porches and patios.

The foundation:
Affirm that drainage is running away from foundation (best checked during a rain-storm). Look for settlement, cracks and flaking.

Siding and chimneys: Review surfaces for



Replacing old seals on your windows can help you save on future heating and cooling bills.

damage or deterioration, and check caulking at all joints. Treat or paint worn or exposed wood—components

wood components. The condition of masonry chimneys and vents should also be evaluated.

Windows and doors: Replace or repair damaged

Replace or repair damaged screens or broken glass. Missing or worn weather stripping, caulking and window putty should also be replaced. Check for frame decay or damage and dirty or clogged

Roofs: Replace loose, damaged or missing roofing. Leaks and moisture build-up in fascia and soffit areas should be fixed. Check the fit and seals around flashing. Clogged gutters and downspouts should be cleaned, as well as roof surfaces containing fungi or algae.

Check wooden supports and railing components for safety, and check flooring for wear and damage.

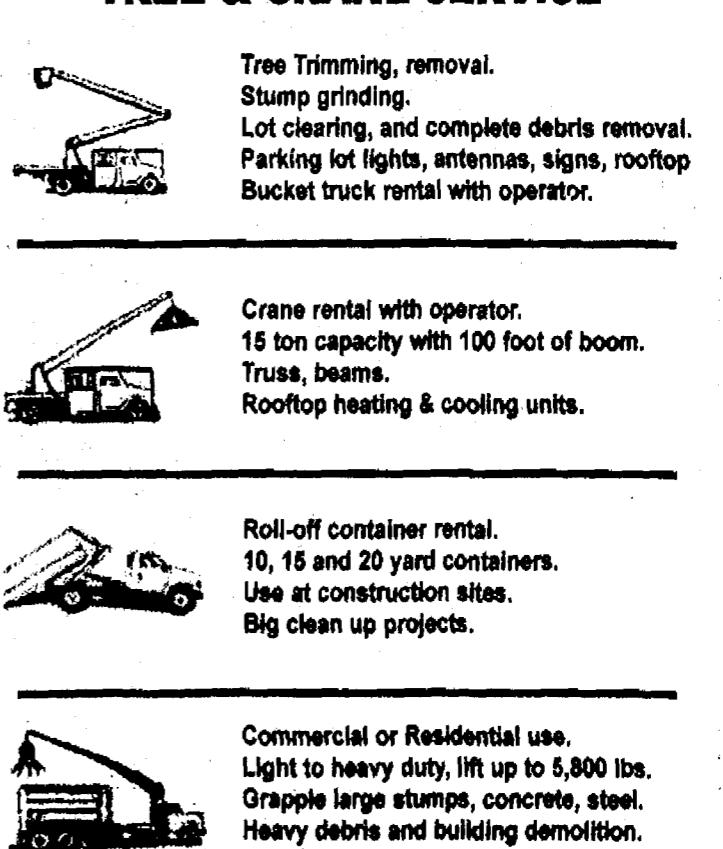
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should have no tears or holes. Exterior faucets should be checked for function and leaks.

Any insect damage should be repaired immediately following extermination.

Insect infestation:
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Home Improvement

Customize your room with a unique touch

(NewsUSA) -

Whether you are renting an apartment, a first-time home buyer or a long-term homeowner, the saying "Home is where the heart is" holds true. It is said that a home is a true reflection of the people residing in it. So, for those looking to add some personal touches to a new home or to freshen up an existing residence, the following simple home décor tips offer quick, easy and affordable ways to spruce up the home.

• Color. When thinking about color, it's a good idea to coordinate your color palette so that other elements of the room match the walls. Furniture and carpeting in the same tones can help blend

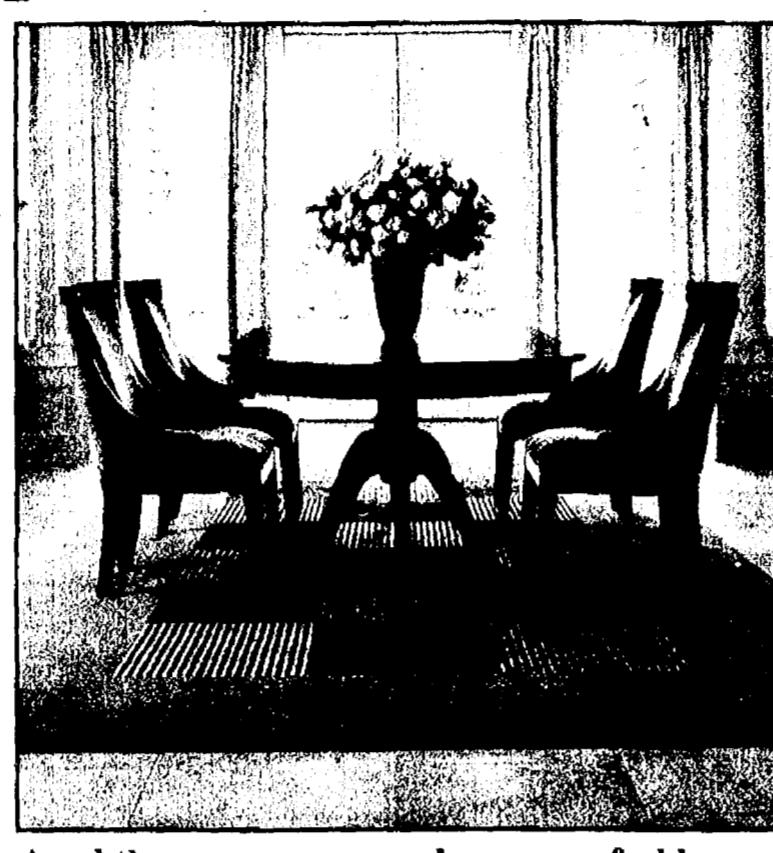
the visual flow and trick the eye, making the room appear larger.

- Lighting. Certain lighting techniques can do wonders for opening up a space. Try updating lamp covers or recovering your lampshades with new fabric. Consider decorating with mirrors to reflect color and light, creating the illusion of space.

- Furniture. To give a room a new look and feel, consider moving the furniture away from the walls, and position it in new, more inviting angles, giving your room new depth.

- Focal point. Give your room a centerpiece. A new area rug is a great way to soften or add emphasis to a room.

- Décor. Adding



A subtle area rug can make a room feel larger and set off darker furniture.

accent pieces is an excellent way to infuse color and patterns into your room. To make the room appear larger, limit the number of decorative accent pieces, and keep the random clutter to a minimum. For example, instead of hanging several small pieces of artwork on your wall, consider choosing one big piece.

Upgrade your home, save money

(NewsUSA) - As energy prices rise, Americans find themselves paying more to run their homes. But sparing even a little cash can mean big savings on home energy bills.

From simple do-it-yourself projects to complicated installations, improving

homes' efficiency requires only knowledge and motivation.

American Home Shield (AHS), the nation's largest home-warranty service provider, offers five money-saving ways that homeowners can upgrade their homes:

1. Change your light-bulbs. Compact flu-

rescent bulbs or light-emitting diodes (LEDs) use less energy, so they help homeowners save money on their utility bills. More efficient light bulbs also last longer, so homeowners can replace light bulbs less often.

2. Choose energy-efficient appliances. Energy-efficient windows, doors and insulation preserve climate control and reduce the workload of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. Energy-efficient appliances, such as dishwashers and refrigerators, reduce overall energy consumption.

3. Clean your HVAC coils. Hiring professionals to clean and maintain evaporator and condenser coils lengthens the life of your air conditioning system, potentially preventing costly repairs, while helping it operate more efficiently.

4. Program your climate control thermostat. When you're not home, why use the same amount of energy to cool or warm your home? Installing and using a programmable thermostat, which automatically adjusts home temperatures based on your schedule, saves energy and money.

5. Help your hot-water heater. Insulating

your hot-water heater and its piping leading into the home helps the system operate more efficiently, conserving energy and saving money on utility bills.

The right home upgrades can help homeowners save money, not just on energy and water bills, but also on taxes.

"Check the Internal Revenue Service or Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency Web sites for federal and state tax savings opportunities related to energy conservation in the home," says Heather Wilson, a spokesperson for AHS.

AHS recommends that homeowners read their owners' manuals before attempting to work on any system or appliance, and when appropriate, contact an experienced professional to install or maintain equipment.

For more information about home-energy tax incentives, visit www.dsireusa.org or www.IRS.gov.

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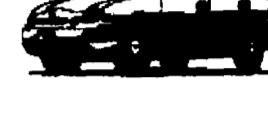


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The Grayling Promotional Association's Entertainment Series will be presenting a dinner show with a dance floor, featuring the Ambassadors Big Band, at the Ramada Inn in Grayling on Thursday, April 23.

The Ambassadors Big Band is a 17-piece ensemble that recreates the sound of the Swing Era, with music from Miller, Goodman, Ellington, Shaw and many more. This group also features male and female solo vocalists and a vocal quartet called The Diplomats.

The Ambassadors began in 1957 in the Ann Arbor area.

Most of the arrangements played are unique to this

band. They also perform more recent music in the swing style. Other styles of music are Latin, waltzes, polkas and anything else to get a group on the dance floor to have a great time.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the performance begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 and are available in advance in downtown Grayling at Riverland or at the door.

This entertainment series is presented by the Grayling Promotional Association in partnership with area businesses and corporations, and a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.

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The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), April 16-22.

Range 13, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Crawford County line, north of Daniels Rd., and east of the gas pipeline, April 16-17.

Range 17, Hand Grenade Range, located south of the main post, north of Carrier Rd., east of range 13 and west of Beaver Creek (Military Rd.), April 19 and 22.

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Pictionary Olympics scheduled for Friday

The Grayling Promotional Association's 22nd annual Pictionary Olympics is scheduled for Friday, April 17, at 7 p.m. The event will take place in the social hall of the Grayling Eagle's Club.

Pictionary is a game where team members take turns drawing a likeness of a word clue that they have been given. Their teammates race against a one minute timer to guess what the word is.

Teams from area businesses and clubs will be competing for the first place trophy. In 2008, the team from Weyerhaeuser took the top prize, followed closely by Riverland Gear and Heads Up North.

Riverland is excited. We took second place last year," said GPA Vice President Ann Stephenson, who also happens to work for Riverland Gear.

There is always heavy competition between the teams, complete with bribes for the judges and spectator cheering sections. It is not unusual for long-standing rivalries to be forged at the yearly event.

"We put a challenge out there to North Country

Corner," Stephenson said.

Most recently, the first place trophy even appears to have been "stolen," although it appeared around town throughout the year. Event officials are confident that the trophy will appear unscathed on the date of the competition.

Cleverness is more likely to spell success than actual drawing ability, although words such as "twist," "Oregon," and "overturn," have stumped teams in the past. A few similarly difficult challenges can be expected this year as well. On the other hand, some word challenges take less imagination. J. Dap holds a record of four seconds for the word "crown."

The event is open to the public. Snack food and a cash bar will be available. Admission is \$2 for spectators.

"We're going to be up on stage where people can see us a little more," Stephenson said. "We encourage spectators."

All proceeds from the event will be used to support GPA activities.

"It'll be great fun for great projects," Stephenson said.

Births

Marlana and Chris Kucharek, of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Nicole, born at Mercy Hospital on March 30, 2009, at 4:22 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 3 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Kimberly Babbitt and Keith Moore, of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Tyler Joseph, born at Mercy Hospital on April 1, 2009, at 2:44 a.m., weighing 8 lbs., 13.7 ozs., and measuring 21 inches in length.

Sabrina Lee and Keith John Cunningham, announce the birth of their daughter, Emily LeeAnn, born at Mercy Hospital on March 31, 2009, at 11:26 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 15.4 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

Amber Kent, of Grayling, announces the birth of a son, Camryn Stacey, born at Mercy Hospital on March 30, 2009, at 7:10 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 15 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

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Mike Davis, left, fields a ground ball at first base during an infield drill on Monday, April 13. Taylor DesEnfants, right, throws to first base during Monday night's practice.

Baseball program looks to improve on last year's success

Vikings to combine experienced players with young talent

Grayling High School's varsity baseball team – a squad coming off one of its most successful seasons in school history – will attempt to combine young talent with several experienced players in an effort to create another winning formula in 2009.

Last year's team posted 21 wins – a new school record – and won a district title for baseball for the third time in school history – the first since 1993. The Vikings finished second in the Lake Michigan Conference last year.

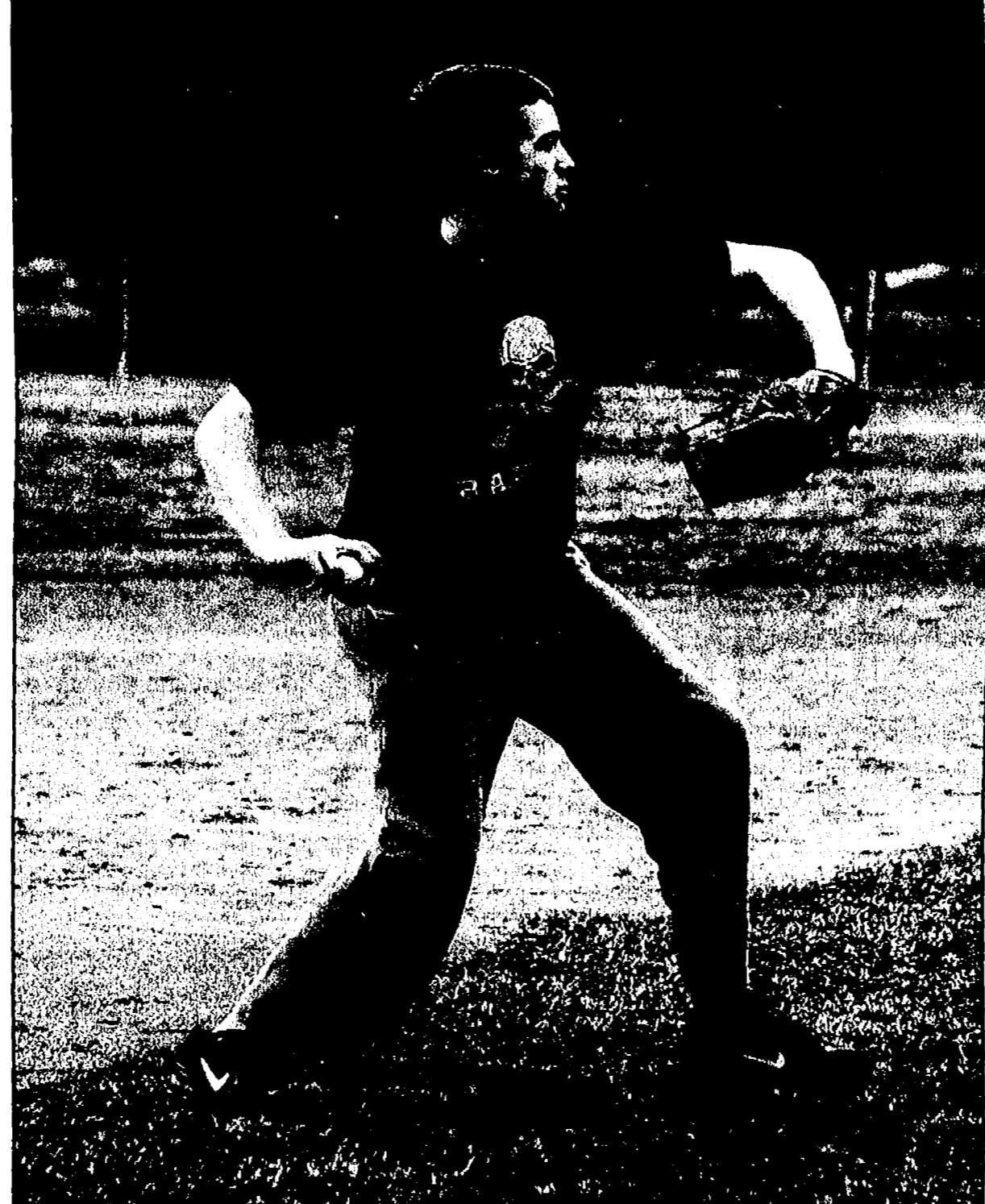
The squad began its official practices for the 2009 season on Monday, March 9. The team's first doubleheader of the season was scheduled for April 1 at Houghton Lake, but the series was canceled due to weather conditions. The Vikings have two doubleheaders scheduled for this week.

This year's team includes two returning all-conference players from the 2008 team: pitcher Taylor DesEnfants and third baseman Eric Ferrigan.

"This will be the third year for DesEnfants on the varsity, who had a conference record of 4-1 last season on the mound. Taylor is a very strong shortstop, a position he has owned for the past two years when not on the mound. Eric Ferrigan, who could possibly be one of the best fielding third basemen in the state, returns to keep that position secure," Coach John Schneider said.

Left fielder Jake Aubry, a senior, will be a team captain this year.

See BASEBALL | 2B



Third baseman Eric Ferrigan throws the ball to first base during an infield drill at Monday night's varsity baseball practice.

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Left fielder Jacob Aubry throws the ball into the infield.

Martial arts events to be held in Grayling

Cage fights slated for May 1, Battle at the 45th Parallel set for May 2

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Two martial arts events – the 6th annual Battle at the 45th Parallel and the Northern Michigan Combat Challenge – will be held in Grayling on May 1 and 2.

The Battle at the 45th Parallel, an event that includes hundreds of competitors and spectators, was held in Gaylord last year, but Grayling hosted the event in previous years. The Northern Michigan Combat Challenge, a mixed martial arts (MMA) cage fighting tournament, is a new event.

New World Karate and Team Takedown, two local martial arts schools, are working together to conduct and promote the two events. Team Takedown specializes in MMA and New World Karate teaches more traditional martial arts, said Dave Shepherd, an MMA fighter who serves as an instructor and co-owner of Team Takedown.

"It's almost like we're sister schools," Shepherd said.

See MARTIAL ARTS | 4B



The 2009 Battle at the 45th Parallel, a martial arts tournament to be held at Grayling High School on May 2, will feature sparring as one of its categories.

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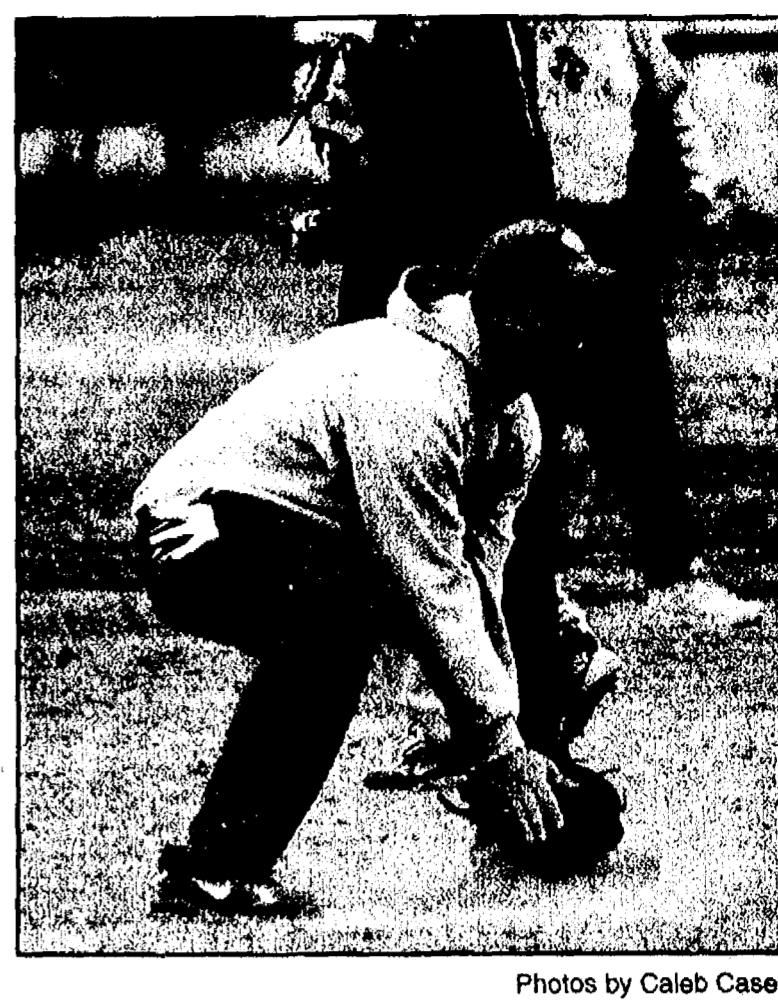
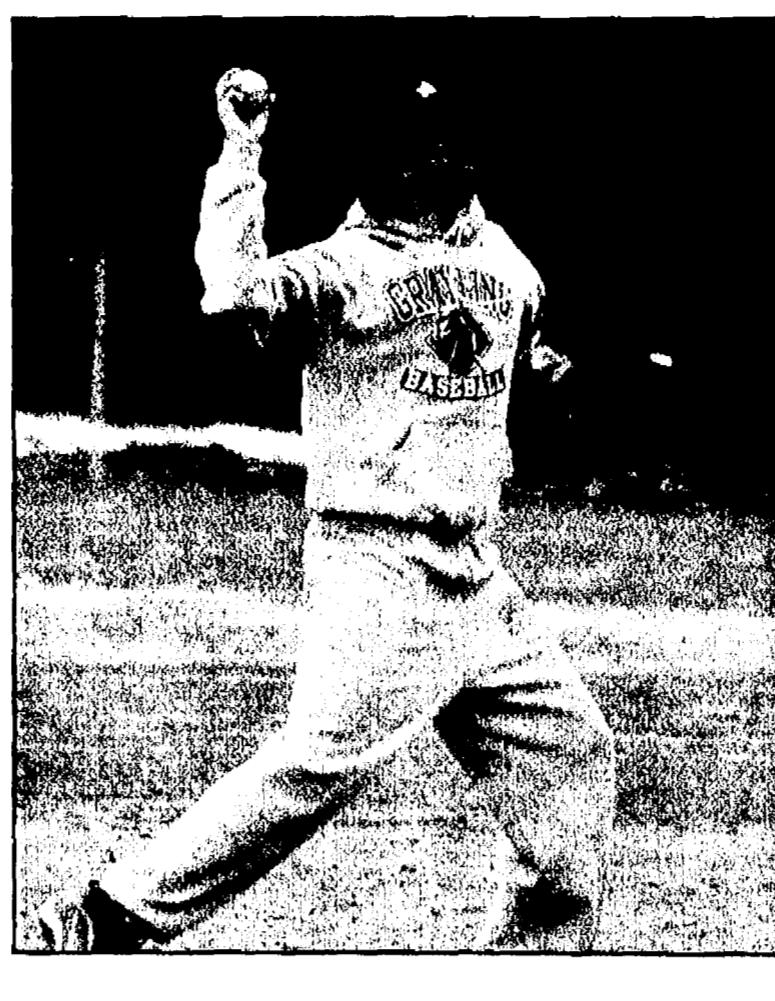
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Photos by Caleb Casey

Luke Schneider, left, throws from second base to first base during practice on Monday, April 13. Jimmy Osga, right, fields a ground ball from the shortstop position.

Baseball program looks to improve on last year's success

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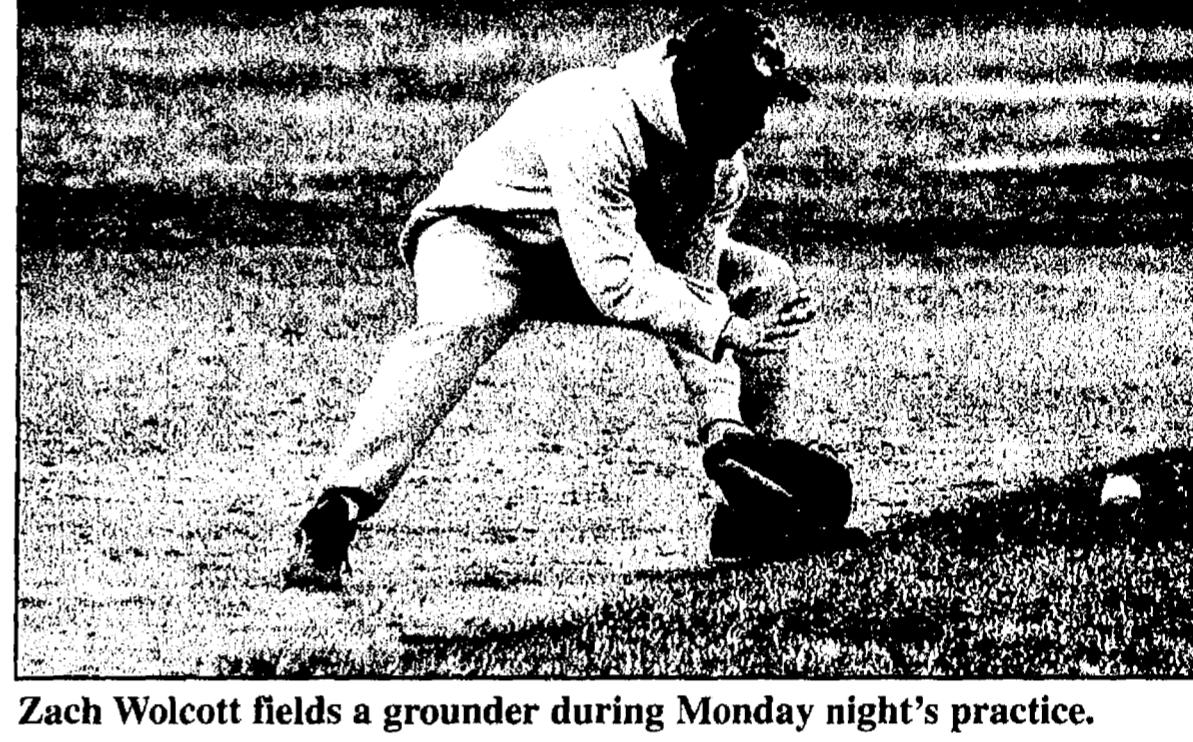
"Jake is a hard working player who has played a variety of positions since his sophomore year. This season, he will stake down roots in left field, a mainstay there last season. Jake has had a problem with an ankle the past two years, which has hampered his play," Coach Schneider said. "Jake was an academic all-state athlete last season and will be an important part of our success."

Seniors Jimmy Osga (SS, 2B), Mike Davis (P, OF), and Peter Alexander (OF) are also expected to play key roles on this year's team.

"Jimmy Osga, after having an outstanding fall in football, is carrying over his ability to the baseball field this spring. Jimmy has shown great improvement in his hitting and arm strength and will make shortstop and second base homes this spring. Mike Davis and Peter Alexander will both fight for the right field position. Davis has shown great improvement as a pitcher as well as an outfielder. Alexander had some key hits last season and started in the outfield," Coach Schneider said.

The 2009 varsity baseball squad will also include a variety of juniors and sophomores and one freshman.

"Tyler Hanson has also been a pleasant surprise this spring, not only as a very



Zach Wolcott fields a grounder during Monday night's practice.

good outfielder and hitter, but showing great promise on the mound. Tyler is a strike-throwing machine so far this spring and will be added to the pitching rotation," Coach Schneider said.

"The sophomore class brings a lot of baseball talent to the table with three gaining experience on varsity last season. Jensen Aubry and Zach Wolcott both are outstanding pitchers as well as position players. Both earned victories on the mound for the varsity (in 2008). Wolcott was the starting catcher the last part of the 2008 campaign and played very well. Jensen will be moved to first base to secure that position and will be the other conference pitcher going into the season.

Jensen has an outstanding work ethic and leadership skills – something that is rare to find at his age level. Luke Schneider will also see playing time up the middle this year. He has a good glove and bat and will be a big contributor as a base runner," Coach Schneider said.

The Vikings participated in two scrimmage events prior to spring break – one at Bay City John Glenn on March 26 and one at Flushing on March 28.

"Our pitching was a little behind. We had some bright moments and learned where we need to improve," Coach Schneider said. "Flushing is going into the season ranked number two in the state. We held our own defensively, but walked a lot of batters. We play these teams so we can improve our play and

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"Jake Helsel and Ethan Lewis, sophomores, will see varsity duty this season. Helsel, who might have the best arm in the program, has looked solid on the mound,

and Lewis, who led the JV in hitting last season, will bring his bat to the big club from time to time," Coach Schneider said.

"Dave Bergan will also be on the varsity as a catcher. He is a freshman that did an outstanding job at our Flushing scrimmage," Coach Schneider said.

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also see where we want to be in the future. It was very good experience."

The varsity squad will have its same coaching staff back from last year, with Schneider returning for his fourth season as head coach.

"Assistant coaches Dan DesEnfants and Dr. Rob Aubry will be back this season to lend their expertise to the talented group of players. DesEnfants does an excellent job with our pitching staff. Aubry, who was highly successful coaching the JV last season, does a great job with the middle infielders. As a coaching staff, we're optimistic going into the season with the talent we have. We must work hard and stay injury free, and improve on our hitting to achieve a high level of success in 2009," Coach Schneider said.

The Vikings are scheduled to host East Jordan in a league series on Friday, April 17, at 4:30 p.m.

Grayling will play in the Kingsley Invitational on Saturday, April 18.

Football golf scramble to be held on May 2

Registration forms are still being collected for the 2009 Grayling Football Golf Scramble – an annual event that helps raise money for the Grayling High School football program. The golf outing will be held at the Grayling Country Club on Saturday, May 2, at 10 a.m.

The cost to participate is \$240 per team (four people). The fee includes 18 holes of golf in a scramble format, dinner and raffle prizes.

"All proceeds will go directly to the Grayling High School football program.

The money raised will be used on football supplies and to purchase equipment that will help us build a successful program," event organizers said.

To register for the 2009 Grayling Football Golf Scramble, fill out the attached sign up form and send it (with payment) to Ben Brock, Grayling High School, 1135 N. Old 27, Grayling, MI, 49738. Make checks payable to "Grayling Football."

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Brock (989-387-4479) or Rocky Tobin (348-5722).

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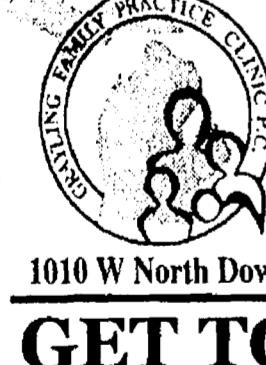
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Joe Latusek fields a ground ball during an outfield drill.



Steven Enos fields a ball at first base during a recent JV baseball practice.

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Richard Schreiber is the new head coach of the junior varsity team at GHS.

"Richard Schreiber will take over the (coaching) duties from Rob Aubry, who will assist at the varsity level this season. Schreiber, who is the little league president, has mentored at that level as well as assisting with the junior varsity team in 2005," said John Schneider, head coach of

the varsity baseball squad at GHS. "Rich has (done) an outstanding job with our little league program and will be an asset to our staff."

"This will be a reloading season for the JV team, which will be made up of mostly freshmen, but (the team) has a lot of baseball ability, which should contribute to success," Schneider said.

"The JV team will be led by two very talented sophomores in Jake Helsel and Ethan Lewis. Helsel is a very good pitcher and third baseman. Lewis led the JV (team) at the plate last year and did a great job at first base," Schneider said.

"This year's crop of freshmen is loaded with some very good athletes. Riley Zigila and Zane Tobin are looking very good this spring on the mound. Zigila and Tobin will see action on the infield and outfield when not on the mound. Steve Enos, another good prospect, will also visit the mound and will see action at first base and outfield. Zach and Travis Schreiber will see duties both in the infield and outfield. They love the game of baseball and show it in practice. Camren Wilson and David Bergan will share the catching job and see action in other positions. Thomas Burrell will

see action at third and has looked good swinging the bat. Hard working Joe Latusek will see action in the outfield and is improving every day at practice. Nick Wells will see action at a variety of positions. Nick has not played for the past two years, but shows great promise with his bat and is working hard on the other aspects of his game," Schneider said.

The JV Vikings will play at East Jordan on Friday, April 17, at 4:30 p.m. The squad will host Ogemaw Heights on Monday, April 20, at 4:30 p.m.



Zane Tobin fields a ground ball during an outfield drill.

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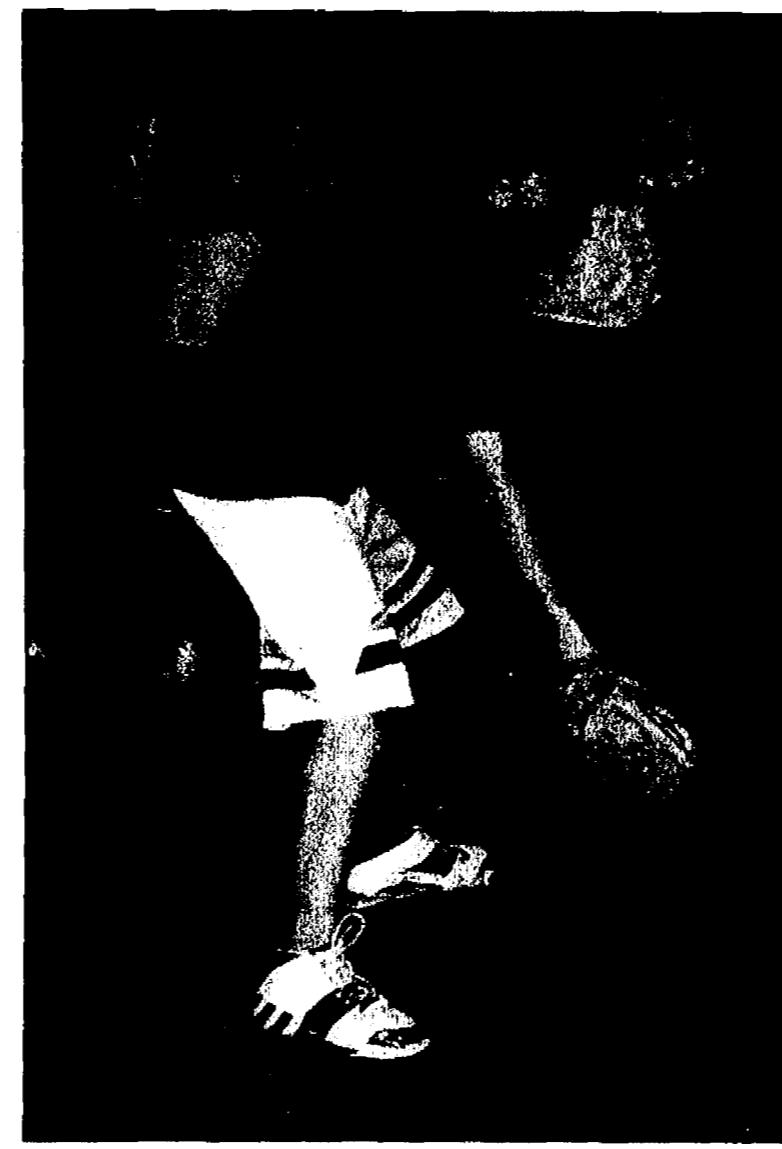
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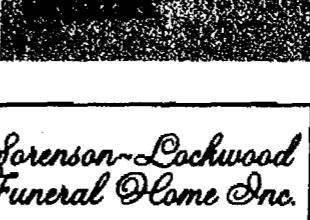
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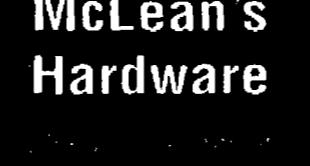


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46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL FOR THE COUNTY CRAWFORD**ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC.,
Case No. 09-5866-SP-1Plaintiff,
Hon.JOHN BENOIT, III, CRISTINA BOUGHNER, AND OCCUPANT, Defendants.
SOTIROFF & ABRAMCZYK, P.C.By: Keith A. Sotiroff (P42904)
Attorneys for Plaintiff
30400 Telegraph Road, Ste 444
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(248) 642-6000ORDER UNDER MCR 2.105(I)
PERMITTING SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
UNDER MCR 2.106 UPON JOHN BENOIT, III, CRISTINA BOUGHNER AND OCCUPANT AND ORDERING SAID DEFENDANTS TO ANSWER

Plaintiff having filed its Summons and Complaint after land contract forfeiture and having filed herewith its Motion under MCR 2.105(I) for an Order Permitting Service of Process by Publication under MCR 2.106 and for an Order to Answer, and the Court otherwise being fully advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Defendants John Benoit, III, Cristina Boughner and Occupant, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law at the offices of the Clerk of this Court at the 46th Circuit Trial Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738, on or before

Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. Failure to comply with this Order shall result in a Judgment by Default against said Defendants, which shall provide for recovery of possession by the Plaintiff of the following described real estate situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, to-wit:

Lot 113, Grayling Mobile Estates No. 4, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 37, Crawford County Records. C/k/a 208 Crestwood, Grayling, MI 49738.

Parcel No. 20-040-45-283-00-133-00.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that service of process of this Order

and Summons and Complaint heretofore filed, may be made upon said Defendants by publication of a copy of this Order once each week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper in circulation in Crawford County, Michigan, and by sending a copy of this Order to said Defendants John Benoit, III and Occupant at 208 Crestwood, Grayling, MI 49738, and to Defendant Cristina Boughner at 202 Sunflower Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication.

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister
District Court Judge

-9-16-23

UNOFFICIAL SYNOPSIS OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**PROCEEDINGS Held on the 30th day of March 2009**

Mayor Akers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum present.

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

The City Manager gave his report and updated the City Council on several different issues. Highlighted subjects were on the Teamster's Union appeal for arbitration, foreclosure on D&K property in the Industrial Park, City of Grayling registered with the Michigan Film Office, safety concerns with the corner of Lake and Erie streets and preliminary plans to rebuild Industrial Street.

Approval of State required amendments to the Planning Commission Enabling Ordinance.

Approval of amendments to the Zoning Review Fee Schedule - Commercial.

Approval to join the case of Consumers Power Co. v. MML and pay the calculated fee of \$464.

Approval to amend the Capital Equipment Fund Budget to purchase a new police car.

Review of Reports.

Mayor Akers adjourned the meet-

ing at 8:28 PM.

Michele A. Mosher
City ClerkAgendas can be found on our website: www.cityofgrayling.org**MORTGAGE SALE**

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Laurel E. Laginess, an unmarried woman, mortgagor, to Independent Mortgage Co., f/k/a Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated January 18, 2007, and was recorded on January 30, 2007, in Liber 685 on page 94 of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$80,391.37, including interest at 8.25% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as:

Lots 5 and 6, RIVER OAKS SUB-DIVISION, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records.

AND

A 1/19 interest in a Private Walkway being more particularly described as: a part of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 29, T25N, R2W, comm. at the SW corner of same and running thence N 02°02' W, 791.7 ft; thence S 72°12' E, 170 ft to the point of beginning; thence N 09°12' E, 341.7 ft to a point on the bank of the South Branch of the AuSable River, thence S 80°00' E along said bank, 20 ft; thence S 09°12' W, 344.5 ft; thence N 72°12' W, 20.23 ft to the point of beginning, said description also includes all the land in the water's edge.

The real property described in this instrument includes a 1978 manufactured home and any manufactured housing described in a subsequently recorded Affidavit of Affixture.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the

and we hope it's more," Burns said.

"We had it at Treetops (in Gaylord) last year," Burns said. "The (Grayling) community wants us back. We're trying to make it as big as last year. We filled 200 (hotel) rooms for two days."

"We hope the community supports us," said Zack Burns of NWK, another one of the event's organizers. "I really encourage all of the local business people to check out the night time finals, to check out what we're bringing to the local economy."

The Battle at the 45th Parallel will include a variety of martial arts demonstrations and competitions by people of all ages, including "sparring and traditional forms," Z. Burns said.

Larry Burns of New World Karate, one of the organizers for the Battle at the 45th Parallel, said he expects approximately two to three thousand people "between the two events," but he acknowledges that attendance predictions are "iffy because of the economy."

"We'd like it to be more

(the cage fight) to sell out. We encourage people to buy (tickets) as soon as possible," Z. Burns said.

Z. Burns, a karate teacher, said he will be making his MMA debut at this year's Northern Michigan Combat Challenge.

"I started training with Dave a couple years ago. Dave is the man at MMA," Z. Burns said. "I've trained with a lot of good people, but I haven't had the level that I've had with Dave."

Local fighters Joe Bancroft and Travis Webb are also expected to make their MMA debuts at the event, Shepherd said.

Shepherd said cage fighting is a "blend of stand-up fighting and grappling. It's a true test of fighting ability because of how many thousands of things that can happen. It's a combination of skill and determination and conditioning."

Competitors can win cage fights by knockout, technical knockout (referee stopping the fight), or tapout.

According to L. Burns, the event is fully insured and organizers have doctors and nurses present during the fights. Pre-fight blood-work is required for all

competitors, he added.

"It's as safe as we can get it," L. Burns said.

Z. Burns and Shepherd explained that cage fighting, while violent, often features mutual respect between competitors and a strong sense of good sportsmanship.

"This is a sport that revolves around sportsmanship," Shepherd said.

"We want to erase the negative image of MMA," Z. Burns said.

The Northern Michigan Combat Challenge will include an official after-party – featuring live music from local band Zeal For Days – at the Ramada Inn's Speakeasy.

New World Karate and Team Takedown are looking to expand and add more students – both for people interested in MMA and people just looking to learn basic self-defense.

"If they're looking to defend themselves, we have something for them," Z. Burns said.

"We want to extend our experience for practical use," Shepherd said.

New World Karate can be reached at (989) 619-2888. Team Takedown can be reached at (989) 915-7179.

Martial arts events to be held in Grayling

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? of the Northwest 7 of Section 17, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Township of Frederic, County of Crawford, State of Michigan. 3563 N Manistee River Road. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated: April 9, 2009 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Assignee 4325 Woodward Ave., Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200 Our File No. 256.00131 ASAP# 3052199 04/09/2009, 04/16/2009, 04/23/2009, 04/30/2009 -9-16-23-30

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Dated: March 17, 2009

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During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

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MORTGAGE SALE

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NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by William S Zienczyk, an unmarried man, Mortgagor, to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated the 2nd day of October, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 7th day of December, 2001 in Liber 562 of Crawford County Records, page 421, said Mortgage having been assigned to U.S. Bank, N.A., successor trustee to Wachovia Bank, N.A. (formerly known as First Union National Bank), as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-4 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Forty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Two and 64/100 (\$49,902.64), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 11.900% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all struc-

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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POSE. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by

Lawrence J. Julian and Janet Julian a/k/a Janet K. Julian, husband and wife to The Cit Group/Consumer

Finance, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 23, 2001, and recorded on November 5, 2001, in Liber 558, Page 397, Crawford County Records, said mortgage was assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, 2002-BC1 by an Assignment of Mortgage dated August 28, 2007 and recorded on September 11, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 476, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE AND 42/100 DOL- LARS (\$118,969.42) including interest at the rate of 10.080% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 20, 2009. Said premises

Legal Action

FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald W. Rogenstein, single, surviving joint tenant, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagor, dated October 14, 2005 and recorded November 18, 2005 in Liber 678, Page 554, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Four and 55/100 Dollars (\$78,454.55) including interest at 6.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 29, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel Number 2 part of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 34, thence North 0 degrees 44 minutes 22 seconds East (along the section line L), 570 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 0 degrees 44 minutes 22 seconds East, 285 feet, thence South 88 degrees 37 minutes East, 548.80 feet, thence South 0 degrees 55 minutes 21 seconds West, 198.44 feet, thence South 88 degrees 37 minutes East, 54.00 feet, thence South 0 degrees 55 minutes 21 seconds West, 86.56 feet, thence North 88 degrees 37 minutes West, 602.50 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: March 26, 2009
Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400 File No. 426.0283 ASAP#
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Warren D. Bickmann Sr., an unmarried man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagor, dated March 18, 2005, and recorded on March 22, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 302, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagor to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Seven And 58/100 Dollars (\$133,157.58), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 6, 2009.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 2 and 3 and 6 feet of vacated alley of Block 3, of Martha H. Brinks 2nd Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, page 29, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 2, 2009
For more information, please call:

FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas J. Ellison and Julie Elaine Ellison, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagor, dated September 24, 2004, and recorded on September 29, 2004 in Liber 671 on Page 728, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagor to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Five And 08/100 Dollars (\$88,765.08), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 29, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Meadowbrook Manor, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Recorded Plat thereof, as Recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 60, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 9, 2009
For more information, please call:

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lynn Ellen Cash aka Lynn E. Cash, trustee of the Lynn Ellen Cash Revocable Living Trust, dated February 8th 2000, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Bank, Mortgagor, dated March 30, 2007, and recorded on April 27, 2007 in Liber 686 on Page 686, and assigned by said Mortgagor to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-

39 Minutes 30 Seconds East 765.40 FEET, THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 11 MINUTES EAST 291.90 FEET, THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 12 MINUTES EAST 680.20 FEET, THENCE NORTH 70 DEGREES 41 MINUTES EAST 334.85 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG 1 / 4 LINE 1057.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 11, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG 1 / 4 LINE 410.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 43 MINUTES WEST 644.4 FEET, THENCE NORTH 28 DEGREES 11 MINUTES EAST 291.9 FEET; THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 12 MINUTES EAST 680.20 FEET, THENCE NORTH 70 DEGREES 41 MINUTES EAST 334.85 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG 1 / 4 LINE 1057.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. 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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

April 17, 1986

The grand opening of Murdick's famous fudge will be May 21, in the Mercantile Mall.

Five blocks of Michigan Avenue, from Park Street to Ottawa Street, will be paved as part of the City of Grayling's annual street program.

The Grayling High School baseball team consists of catchers George Duncan and John Kinney, pitchers John Meagher, Scott Blyte, Jason Teddy, Jeff Wolcott, Jeff Palmer and Chris Skidmore, infielders Ron Bancroft, Mike McNamara, Clark Allen, Jim Knight, Guy Nemeth, Flaskie Robbins, and outfielders David Myers, Steve Lehti, David Williams, Joe Erb, David Somerville and Joe Francis. Although there are 20 players on this year's team, only one is a senior. There are four juniors, 13 sophomores and two freshmen.

Crawford County Probate Judge Emil Kraus found himself in handcuffs on Friday as co-workers and friends pulled a birthday joke on him. Along with a cake and gifts, Judge Kraus was given a phony arrest.

The warrant was read by Grayling City Police Officer Karl Schreiner and he said the judge was being arrested because he was so hard to buy a gift for. For the man who has everything, co-workers and friends decided to give him something that he didn't have - a jail sentence. Needless to say, the

warrant didn't hold up and he was released a minute later to enjoy birthday cake at his county courthouse office.

Chief Shoppenagons is having a Sunday Family Dinner Buffet which includes select entrees and a salad bar for \$5.95.

Mary Ann Floriano, of Grayling, has been selected as the Young Career Woman for 1986 by the Grayling Business and Professional Women's Organization.

46 Years Ago

April 18, 1963

Mrs. Walt Confer is managing the Pine-Around restaurant on the corner of M-72 and Wakeley Bridge Road.

The Bear Archery Company of Grayling was awarded their second straight safety award for 1962, from the Employers Mutual Insurance Company.

The record shows that Bear Archery had no disabling accidents in 1962, with 348,000 man-hours worked.

Fred Bear, president of the Bear Archery Company of Grayling, leaves for India where he plans to use a bow and arrow to hunt for one of the world's most ferocious beasts, the tiger.

The lack of experienced performers, as expected, limited the scoring points of the Grayling Viking thin-clads in their first track meet held at the Grayling Memorial Recreation Area. In the triangular meet, the Mancelona Ironmen walked off with the honors with 65 points, the East

Jordan Red Devils scored 50 and Grayling scored 22. The bright spots in the meet were in the high jump and the half mile relay.

Grayling took first in both events with Jim Young winning the high jump at 5 feet 8 inches. The half mile relay team, consisting of Jim Young, Bill Joseph, Dan Tinker and Dick Trudeau, turned in a time of one minute - forty-two and two-tenths seconds.

Hartwick Pines manager Leonard Jensen reports the famous Hartwick Pines eagles are rebuilding their nest in a tall white pine 400 feet west of the well known Monarch pine tree within the forest.

Emil Kraus Sr. was recently named as chairman of the board of the Grayling State Bank and also was named executive vice-president.

The conservation department firefighting equipment and men were called into action last week on four fires. One fire started from a chimney, one from the railroad, one from a smoker and one from cleaning up a yard.

69 Years Ago

April 18, 1940

After two weeks of working out in the school gym, Grayling's powerhouse baseball team finally started working out at the local ball park. The fellows showed plenty of that old zip and were whipping the old apple around with little regard for their arms. The fellows out for the team are Olson J. Church, M. Nelson, Clark Kraus, Jankowski, Kolka,

Anthony, Thompson, Deckrow, Hull, Andrews, LaChappelle, W. Nelson, MacDonnell, Rutkowski and Sorenson.

Gerald L. Poor, superintendent of Grayling schools, has notified the Grayling Board of Education that he is not intending to continue after the close of the present year. He offered the position of superintendent to Mr. Frank Bond, now principal of the school.

On Monday, April 8, Donna Jean Carlson celebrated her ninth birthday and her mother invited 12 boys and girls home after school to help make her day a happy one. Contests were enjoyed by the group with honors being captured by Delores LaMotte, Beatrice Schreiber and Dora Lou Broadbent.

92 Years Ago

April 19, 1917

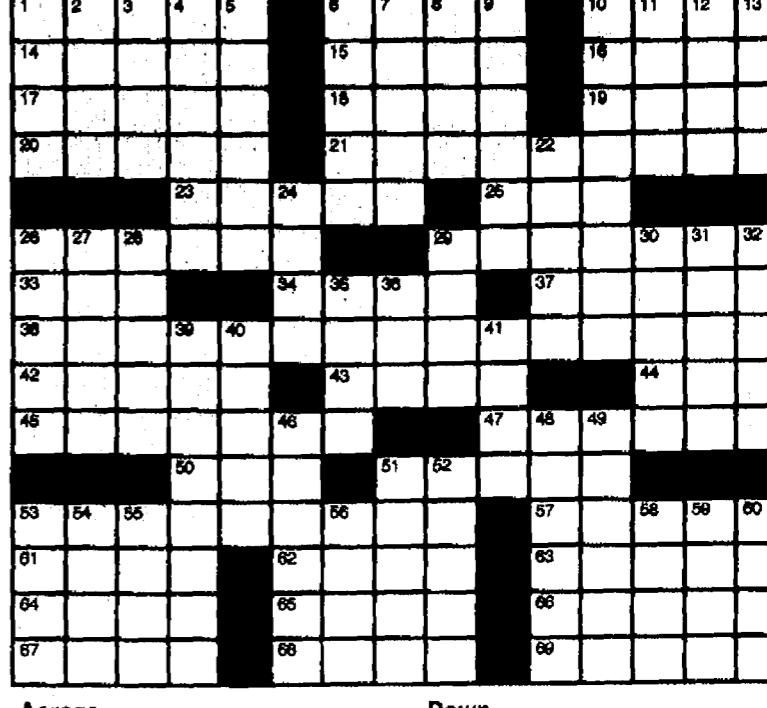
Game and Burrows have purchased a new Ford runabout and expect to have a truck attachment to use as a delivery vehicle at their meat market.

Several young people of Grayling attended a social and dance at the home of Frank Barber in Pere Cheney on Saturday evening.

Robert Ziebell is the new deliveryman at the H. Peterson grocery.

This week the yard office of the M.C.R.R. is being moved further north and will be used for the freight office. The freight building will be remodeled and enlarged.

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- Fleet
- Cowboy boot attachment
- Small piece
- Bind
- Allocate, with "out"
- Spanish appetizer
- Nickel, e.g.
- Kuwaiti, e.g.
- Impulse transmitter
- Low area
- Former basic unit of money in Austria
- Unable to relax
- Bubkes
- Ammunition whose flight can be observed by a trail of smoke
- Someone who receives advice
- Moray, e.g.
- Aroma
- Hawkeye
- Smartness
- Worse, as excuses go
- Charon's river
- 100 qintars
- Annum
- Rigidly
- An end to sex?
- Era
- Concerned with practical matters
- Takes by theft
- LP player
- Doctor Who villainess, with "the"
- Cliffside dwelling
- United Nations agency concerned with civil aviation
- Freshman, probably
- Aquarium fish
- Desolate
- Smeltery refuse
- Salt

1. Jamaican exports

2. Again

3. bread

4. Emphatic, in a way

5. Computer key

6. #1 song

7. U.S. writer whose novels explored human alienation

8. Its motto is "Industry"

9. Provide with a new binding

10. Uncastrated adult male horse

11. Checker, perhaps

12. Abreast of

13. [Just like that!]

22. Enraged

24. Boast

26. 10 kilogauss

27. Doctor's order

28. "Remember the ___!"

29. Affectionately creative

30. "Great!"

31. Artist's stand

32. Exalt to the skies

35. Gossip, slangily

36. His "4" was retired

39. Institution to express belief in a divine power

40. Geometrical solid

41. Final, e.g.

46. Common sense

48. Cancel

49. Not alert

51. Skin problem

52. Cake topper

53. "Murphy Brown" bar owner

54. "Little Caesar" role

55. Way, way off

56. Old Chinese money

58. Crumbs

59. Catalan painter Joan

60. A-line line

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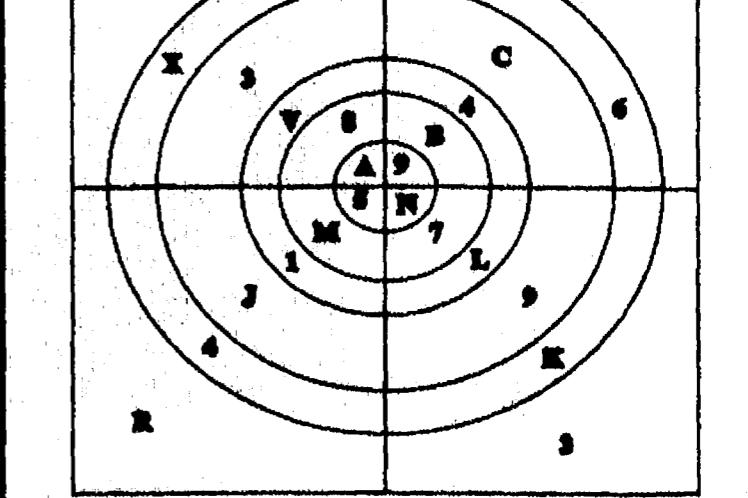
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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

VANILLA-ALMOND FRUIT TART

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted, divided
- 50 vanilla wafers, finely crushed
- 6 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 1 cup cold milk
- 1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) vanilla flavor instant pudding

Directions: Reserve 1 Tbsp. nuts. Finely chop remaining nuts; mix with wafer crumbs and butter. Press onto bottom and up side of 9-inch tart pan or shallow pie plate. Beat pudding mix and milk with whisk 2 min. Stir in whipped topping. Spoon into crust. Refrigerate 3 hours or until firm. Top with fruit and reserved nuts just before serving.

Prep Time: 20 min Total Time: 2 ... 25 min

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2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

SECLUDED "UP NORTH" CABIN 3 bedroom, 1 bath, close to recreational activities. MLS #257329, \$52,000. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481 or visit our web site, callecoldwellbanker.com. (-16-23/1)

SPECIAL OFFER on this home! 3 bedroom, 1 bath in town. MLS #257618, \$69,900. Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481 or visit our web site, callecoldwellbanker.com. (-16-23/1)

2. For Rent

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FOR RENT 1 apartment located in town. \$500 per month, utilities included. Call 710-1194 or 370-2745. (-16-23/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom apartment located in town. \$550 per month. Call 370-2745 or 710-1194. (-16-23/2)

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT Lots of parking, stand alone structure and good location. 989-348-8471. (1/15/09tf/2)

2. For Rent

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for upcoming availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (03/26/09tf/2)

MOBILE HOME AND CABINS at Lost Acres. 1 room cabin #1, \$275, free utilities. 2 bedroom mobile homes, \$375 plus utilities. 11004-11010 N. Old US 27, no pets. 1-877-227-6976 or Mike at 231-590-3699. (3/19/09tf/2)

3. Employment

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Certified Medical Assistant

Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) - full time position in our Primary Care Office. Salary commensurate with experience. Medical, dental, vision, life & LTD insurance, paid vacation and holidays.

Please send resume to: MidMichigan Health Services Attn: Human Resources 9249 W. Lake City Road, Houghton Lake, MI 48629. EOE

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2. For Rent

3 BEDROOM 2 bath home for rent in Grayling. \$600 a month plus utilities. Option to buy. 989-732-6582. (-9-16/2)

BEAUTIFUL FULLY FURNISHED Luxury apartment in downtown Grayling on the AuSable River. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Open living room design. \$900 a month plus utilities. Includes all lawn maintenance and snowplowing. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08tf/2)

APT OR HOUSE For rent, near Camp Grayling. Utilities not included. 989-348-3215. (-16-23/2)

2 BEDROOM MOBILE with washer, dryer and appliances. No pets. \$450 plus deposit. 348-2418. (-9-16-23-30/2)

1 BEDROOM DUPLEX with utilities, \$550. 2 bedroom duplex, \$450. 348-5230. (-26-2-9-16-23-30-7-14/2)

3. Employment

Administrative Assistant

The Crawford County Commission on Aging is accepting applications for a full time Administrative Assistant who performs bookkeeping functions and administrative support. Preferred candidate will have Bachelor's degree in business administration, accounting or related field and two years experience. Quickbooks and Excel computer skills required. Application packets must be picked up at 308 Lawndale, Grayling and returned by 5:00pm 4/22/09.

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LAKE MARGRETTE ACCESS

RUSTIC LOG HOME NEAR LAKE MARGRETTE! Charming cottage offers 1,320 square feet with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Cathedral ceilings. Bath has Jacuzzi tub, log and knotty pine interior, hardwood floor in living room. Finished basement with beautiful stone fireplace, Enc. porch. Move in condition. CS-2778 \$609,500

BEAUTIFUL 10 ACRES OF HARDWOODS

Secluded 10 acre lot of beautiful hardwoods and pines. 2,112 s.f. home with three bedrooms, one bath, and Jacuzzi room. Large master bedroom suite with doorless onto balcony. Attached 24x48 garage featuring work shop with 220 electrical and large unfinished second level. Detached 16x18 and 6x10 dog kennel. CH-2781 \$79,900

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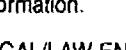
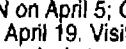
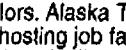
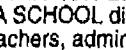
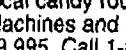
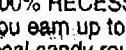
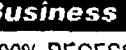
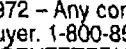
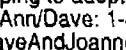
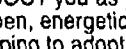
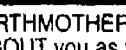
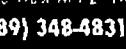
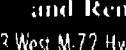
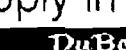
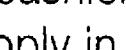
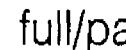
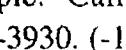
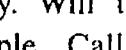
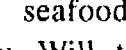
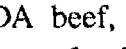
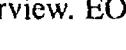
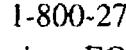
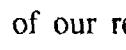
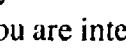
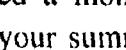
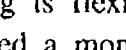
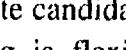
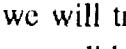
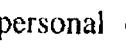
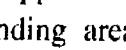
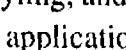
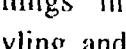
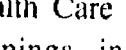
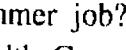
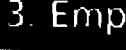
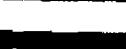
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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

April 17, 1986

The grand opening of Murdick's famous fudge will be May 21, in the Mercantile Mall.

Five blocks of Michigan Avenue, from Park Street to Ottawa Street, will be paved as part of the City of Grayling's annual street program.

The Grayling High School baseball team consists of catchers George Duncan and John Kinney, pitchers John Meagher, Scott Blyte, Jason Teddy, Jeff Wolcott, Jeff Palmer and Chris Skidmore, infielders Ron Bancroft, Mike McNamara, Clark Allen, Jim Knight, Guy Nemeth, Flaske Robbins, and outfielders David Myers, Steve Lehti, David Williams, Joe Erb, David Somerville and Joe Francis. Although there are 20 players on this year's team, only one is a senior. There are four juniors, 13 sophomores and two freshmen.

Crawford County Probate Judge Emil Kraus found himself in handcuffs on Friday as co-workers and friends pulled a birthday joke on him. Along with a cake and gifts, Judge Kraus was given a phony arrest.

The warrant was read by Grayling City Police Officer Karl Schreiner and he said the judge was being arrested because he was so hard to buy a gift for. For the man who has everything, co-workers and friends decided to give him something that he didn't have - a jail sentence. Needless to say, the

warrant didn't hold up and he was released a minute later to enjoy birthday cake at his county courthouse office.

Chief Shoppenagons is having a Sunday Family Dinner Buffet which includes select entrees and a salad bar for \$5.95.

Mary Ann Floriano, of Grayling, has been selected as the Young Career Woman for 1986 by the Grayling Business and Professional Women's Organization.

46 Years Ago

April 18, 1963

Mrs. Walt Confer is managing the Pine-Around restaurant on the corner of M-72 and Wakeley Bridge Road.

The Bear Archery Company of Grayling was awarded their second straight safety award for 1962, from the Employers Mutual Insurance Company. The record shows that Bear Archery had no disabling accidents in 1962, with 348,000 man-hours worked.

Fred Bear, president of the Bear Archery Company of Grayling, leaves for India where he plans to use a bow and arrow to hunt for one of the world's most ferocious beasts, the tiger.

The lack of experienced performers, as expected, limited the scoring points of the Grayling Viking thin-clads in their first track meet held at the Grayling Memorial Recreation Area. In the triangular meet, the Mancelona Ironmen walked off with the honors with 65 points, the East

Jordan Red Devils scored 50 and Grayling scored 22. The bright spots in the meet were in the high jump and the half mile relay. Grayling took first in both events with Jim Young winning the high jump at 5 feet 8 inches. The half mile relay team, consisting of Jim Young, Bill Joseph, Dan Tinker and Dick Trudeau, turned in a time of one minute - forty-two and two-tenths seconds.

Hartwick Pines manager Leonard Jensen reports the famous Hartwick Pines eagles are rebuilding their nest in a tall white pine 400 feet west of the well known Monarch pine tree within the forest.

Emil Kraus Sr. was recently named as chairman of the board of the Grayling State Bank and also was named executive vice-president.

The conservation department firefighting equipment and men were called into action last week on four fires. One fire started from a chimney, one from the railroad, one from a smoker and one from cleaning up a yard.

69 Years Ago

April 18, 1940

After two weeks of working out in the school gym, Grayling's powerhouse baseball team finally started working out at the local ball park. The fellows showed plenty of that old zip and were whipping the old apple around with little regard for their arms. The fellows out for the team are Olson J. Church, M. Nelson, Clark Kraus, Jankowski, Kolka,

Anthony, Thompson, Deckrow, Hull, Andrews, LaChappelle, W. Nelson, MacDonnell, Rutkowski and Sorenson.

Gerald L. Poor, superintendent of Grayling schools, has notified the Grayling Board of Education that he is not intending to continue after the close of the present year. He offered the position of superintendent to Mr. Frank Bond, now principal of the school.

On Monday, April 8, Donna Jean Carlson celebrated her ninth birthday and her mother invited 12 boys and girls home after school to help make her day a happy one. Contests were enjoyed by the group with honors being captured by Delores LaMotte, Beatrice Schreiber and Dora Lou Broadbent.

92 Years Ago

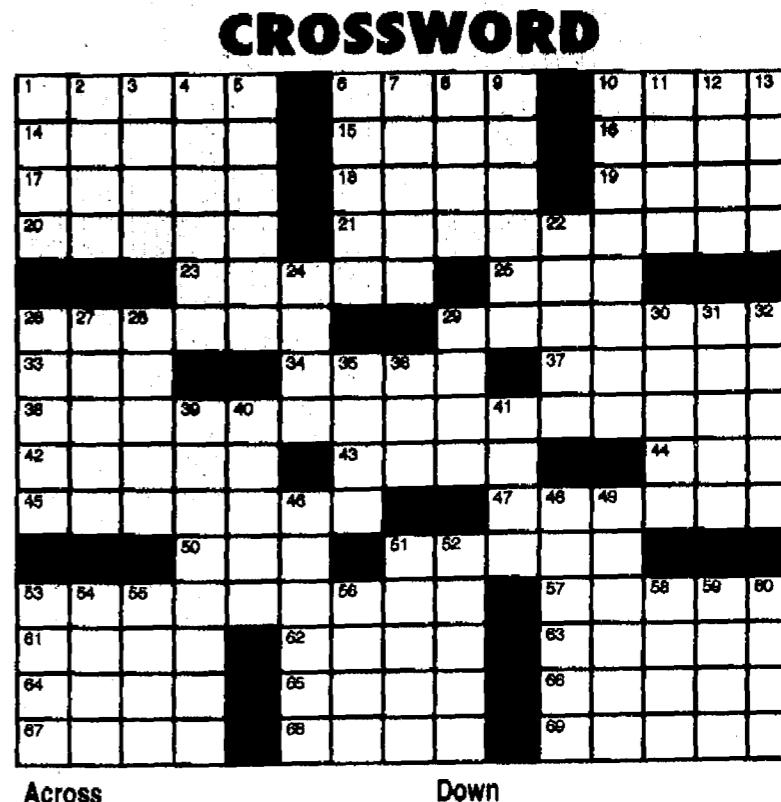
April 19, 1917

Game and Burrows have purchased a new Ford runabout and expect to have a truck attachment to use as a delivery vehicle at their meat market.

Several young people of Grayling attended a social and dance at the home of Frank Barber in Pere Cheney on Saturday evening.

Robert Ziebell is the new deliveryman at the H. Peterson grocery.

This week the yard office of the M.C.R.R. is being moved further north and will be used for the freight office. The freight building will be remodeled and enlarged.



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- Fleet
 - Cowboy boot attachment
 - Small piece
 - Bind
 - Allocate, with "out"
 - Spanish appetizer
 - Nickel, e.g.
 - Kuwaiti, e.g.
 - Impulse transmitter
 - Low area
 - Former basic unit of money in Austria
 - Unable to relax
 - Bubkes
 - Ammunition whose flight can be observed by a trail of smoke
 - Someone who receives advice
 - Moray, e.g.
 - Aroma
 - Hawkeye
 - Smartness
 - Worse, as excuses go
 - Charon's river
 - 100 qintars
 - Annul
 - Rigidly
 - An end to sex?
 - Era
 - Concerned with practical matters
 - Takes by theft
 - LP player
 - Doctor Who villainess, with "the"
 - Cliffside dwelling
 - United Nations agency concerned with civil aviation
 - Freshman, probably
 - Aquarium fish
 - Desolate
 - Smelly refuse
 - salt
- Jamaican exports
 - Again
 - bread
 - Emphatic, in a way
 - Computer key
 - #1 song
 - U.S. writer whose novels explored human alienation
 - Its motto is "Industry"
 - Provide with a new binding
 - Uncastured adult male horse
 - Checker, perhaps
 - Abreast of
 - [Just like that!]
 - Enraged
 - Boast
 - 10 kilogauss
 - Doctor's order
 - "Remember the ___"
 - Affectedly creative
 - "Great!"
 - Artist's stand
 - Exalt to the skies
 - Gossip, slangily
 - His "4" was retired
 - Institution to express belief in a divine power
 - Geometrical solid
 - Final, e.g.
 - Common sense
 - Cancel
 - Not alert
 - Skin problem
 - Cake topper
 - "Murphy Brown" bar owner
 - "Little Caesar" role
 - Way, way off
 - Old Chinese money
 - Crumbs
 - Catalan painter Joan
 - A-line line

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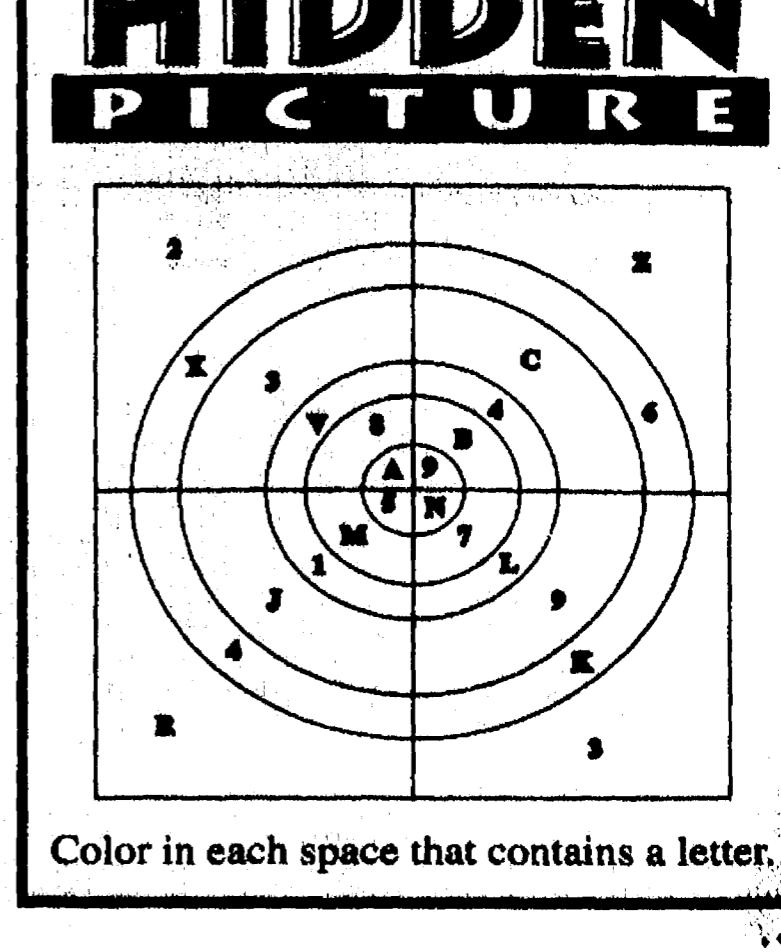
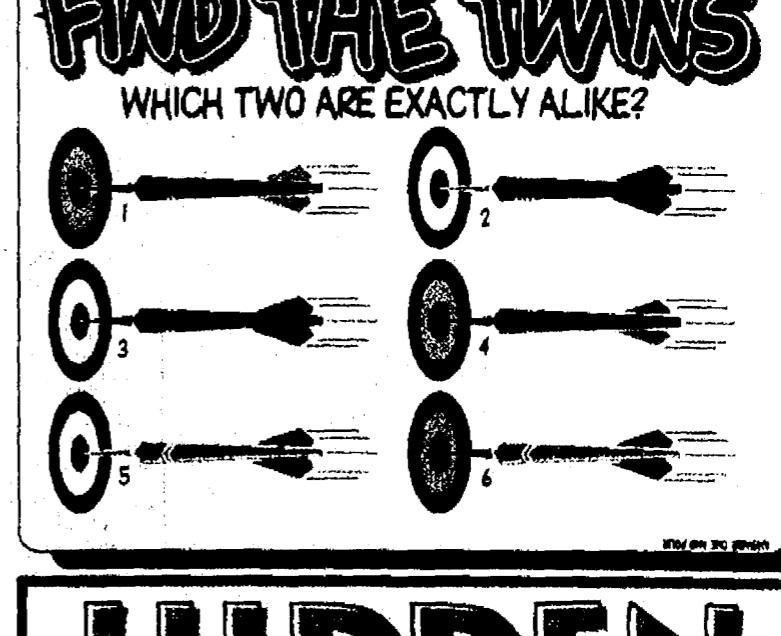
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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

For the week of April 16, 2009

CAPRICORN December 22–January 19	ARIES March 21–April 19	CANCER June 22–July 22	LIBRA September 23–October 22	SCORPIO October 23–November 21	SAGITTARIUS November 22–December 21
Lies really is more, Capricorn. Clear away the clutter and simplify your life, and your goals will become more attainable. A friend's successes multiply. Congratulate them.	Wake up, Aries, and smell the coffee. You do not have the resources to get the job done. Enlist the help of another or hand over the job completely.	A-ha, Cancer. The mystery is over, and you know who did it. Thank them for their efforts. A business relationship hits a new high, and it's your turn to shine.	Awesome, Libra. You stick to your budget, and your finances improve. Broken promises wreak havoc on the weekend until someone you least expect comes to your rescue.	A book redirects your attention to an important cause. You learn more and decide to join the fight. Enjoy the ride, Scorpio; it's gonna be a long one.	Lady luck is on your side, Sagittarius. Take on that gargantuan assignment, and you'll finish it in record time. A menial chore turns out to be a lot of fun.
TAURUS January 20–February 18	PISCES February 19–March 20	GEMINI May 21–June 21	VIRGO August 23–September 22		
A film inspires some introspection. You don't like what you see, so start a change. Change may be in order. Go for it. Aquarius. You can be the person you want to be.	Nonsense, Pisces. That friend is not out to get you. They just need your help. A coworker's obsession is getting out of hand. Time to blow the whistle.	Congrats, Gemini. You prepare for a meeting well and wow your audience. Your proposal is a hit and receives the green light. Good luck!	Snap out of it, Virgo. You've been in a funk too long, and your relationships are beginning to suffer. Time to take stock of your life and accentuate the positives.		

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our web site for more information.

Pickles

Pickles is a very good three-to-four-year-old cat. She thinks that she is in charge of the shelter, and she might just be right. This wonderful cat has been waiting for a very long time for her forever home. She is quiet and sweet and good with dogs. Pickles has been spayed, vaccinated and feline leukemia tested. All she needs now is a family.

Visit us at: www.usablevalleyanimalshelter.org

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,
10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our web site www.usacc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week		Extended Forecast								
Date	H	L	Rain	Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
4/7	37	25	0		High	High	High	High	High	High
4/8	30	25	0		66	64	50	48	53	52
4/9	46	20	0		Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
4/10	47	18	0		37	38	29	27	24	33
4/11	47	18	0		Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy
4/12	48	19	0							
4/13	53	19	0							

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

VANILLA-ALMOND FRUIT TART

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted, divided
- 50 vanilla wafers, finely crushed
- 6 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 1 cup cold milk
- 1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) vanilla flavor instant pudding

Directions: Reserve 1 Tbsp. nuts. Finely chop remaining nuts; mix with wafer crumbs and butter. Press onto bottom and up side of 9-inch tart pan or shallow pie plate. Beat pudding mix and milk with whisk 2 min. Stir in whipped topping. Spoon into crust. Refrigerate 3 hours or until firm. Top with fruit and reserved nuts just before serving.

Prep Time: 20 min Total Time: 3 hr 20 min

Notes: 10 slices

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Employment

HELP WANTED for the golf season. Waitstaff, cooks, cart attendants and outside maintenance. Apply at Fox Run, 5825 W. 4 Mile Road, Grayling. 348-4343. (-9-16/3)

WANTED A motivated dependable person for general maintenance and tow truck operation. Part time position to be filled immediately. Must have valid driver's license with chauffeurs endorsement and a health card. Please call 348-5242 or see George at Fenton's Auto Service, 602 North James Street, Grayling. (-16-23/3)

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED Call 989-348-2083. (-16/3)

4 Services Offered

SEWING, ZIPPERS, QUILTER Open 6 days a week. (989)348-9349. (-2-16-30/4)

ARTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

ROOFING, ROOFING, ROOFING All shingle, new construction, tear-offs, residential, commercial, emergency work welcome. Licensed and insured. 20 years experience. Free estimates. 989-348-5817, 989-390-1526. (LR7/30/09/4)

PROFESSIONAL CATERING And DJ services, all Bose equipment, 70,000 plus songs. 989-732-6582, any occasion. (-9-16/4)

FIREWOOD APRIL MADNESS SPECIAL \$45 per cord, cut, split and delivered. 989-657-1706. (-2-9-16-23-30/4)

GERTA'S DRAPERS "Everything in Window Treatments." Free estimates and in-home appointments. Established in 1958. Call 989-732-3340 or visit our showroom at 2281 South Ostego Avenue, Gaylord. (3/26/09tf/4)

CARPENTER WORK Drywall repair, cabinet refacing and repair, trim work, painting interior and exterior. Free estimates. 30 years experience. Call Carl, 989-348-4068, cell: 390-2853. (-9-16-23-30-7-14/4)

APPLIANCE PARTS All major brands. Most parts in stock. Appliance Parts 6840 M-72 West, Grayling, across from the Ole Barn. 989-348-5971. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. (-9-16-23-30/4)

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SPRING CLEAN UP Deck repair, lawn care, debris hauling. Call Northern Lawn & Homecare, 989-390-0093. (-16-23-30/4)

TOM'S HANDYPERSON SERVICES 28 years experience. No job too small. If you don't want to do it, call us. Reasonable rates, senior discount on spring cleanup. 989-745-3346. (-9-16/4)

TOP PRICES for hard maple timber. Free estimates. 20 trees minimum. 989-942-1266. (-16-23-30-7-14-21-28-4/4)

LEARN TO GEO-CACHE! Join us at the AuSable Valley Recreation Expo on Saturday, April 25, at the Grayling Ramada. Start time 10:15 a.m. For more information, go to www.ausabilexpo.com or call 989-344-0204. (-16-23/4)

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LIFE PROBLEMS getting you down? Call GRACE Center, 989-348-2544. (3/19/09tf/4)

GARDEN Roto-tilling tractor with 6 ft. rototiller. Al's Outdoor Maintenance, 231-258-1245. (-16-23-30-7/4)

APRIL SPECIAL Rough sawn landscape timbers 20 percent off. T. Warren Sawmill, 989-619-0840. (-2-9-16-23/5)

33 BOXES of hardwood flooring and padding, \$800; 13,000 watt generator, \$1,000 and TV antenna tower, \$300. 989-731-4784. (-9-16/5)

5. For Sale

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR05/21/09/5)

WANTED Junk vehicles, will haul, Paying cash. Call Gene at Wakeley's Auto Parts, 989-348-5079. (LR6/25/09/6)

ROOMMATE WANTED \$250 a month plus half utilities. Call Kirsten for more info, 989-390-2396. (-16/6)

6. Wanted

5. For Sale

APPLIANCES NOT WORKING? Call Paul for service you will tell your friends about. 348-0167. (-16-23/4)

MARTY'S FIREWOOD Dry oak \$50 per cord. Credit cards accepted. Also wanted, standing timber. (-16-23-30/5)

DON'T PAY high heating bills! Eliminate them with a classic outdoor wood furnace from Central Boiler. 25 year warranty available. Call 348-7484 today. (-2-9-16-23-30/5)

POLE BARN 30 x 40.9 for \$7,905. Call Wheaton Construction, 989-344-BARN. Only six available. (-16-23-30/5)

2004 WINNEBAGO MOTORHOME 30' with slide, excellent condition, nonsmoker, 16,000 miles. \$45,900. 348-5597 ask for Jim. (-16-23/5)

7. Miscellaneous

WOW Don will pay you \$100 to \$200 for your junk vehicle. 231-587-0856 or 888-468-7313. (4/2/09tf/6)

PAYING CASH for used propane cylinders. Must be in decent shape. Please call 800-292-9295 or 348-7647. (4/16/09tf/6)

BUYING SCRAP METAL All grades. SMR 989-275-6041. (10/16/08tf/6)

WANTED Gently used books for Friends of the Crawford County Library. Please no encyclopedias, magazines, textbooks or books in poor condition. Donations are tax deductible. Please drop off at the library during regular business hours. Call 348-9214 if you have any questions. (-16-23-30-7/6)

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HALL FOR RENT with kitchen facility. Also taking reservations for summer outdoor pavilion. Beaver Creek Township. Call 989-275-8878. (-18-25-1-8-15-22-29-5-12-19-26-5-12-19-26-2-9-16/7)

8. Announcements

THE GRAYLING SPORTSMAN'S CLUB is pleased to announce that, effective Wednesday, May 6, we will offer extended shooting hours on both our skeet and trap ranges to visitors and non-club members. The extended hours will run from 4 p.m. until there are no more guests for the duration of the summer season.

Qualified members will be on hand to help new shooters get started in the shooting sports. Stop out and visit us. In addition, starting Tuesday, May 5th, the Sportsman's Club will be offering time and instruction for "women only" beginning at 10 a.m. This program will also run for the duration of the summer season. Qualified shooting coaches will be available to help you sharpen your skills. For more information on these programs, contact Neil at 348-8927 or Pat at 348-2639. (-16/8)

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR Place your organization's events on Crawford County's Community Calendar. Go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, under services, to submit your event. For more information, call our office at 989-348-6811. (-3/19/09tf/8)

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HALL FOR RENT American Legion Post 106, Grayling, with kitchen. Newly remodeled, smoke free. Contact manager 348-7232. (-8-22-5-19-5-19-2-16-30-14-28-11-25/8)

8. Announcements

ST. MARY'S LADIES CLUB Spring Bake Sale, Saturday, April 25th from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Family Center. (-16/8)

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SELF PROTECTION/AWARENESS for women program, presented by Sheriff Wakefield, will be held at the Devereaux Library on Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. Call 989-348-9214 for more information. (-16-23/8)

8. Announcements

A BENEFIT AND SPAGHETTI DINNER and auction for Krista Alef will be held Saturday, April 19th, at Hanson Hills Recreation area from noon - 6 p.m. Tickets are a \$5 donation. Come join the fun and help a friend in need. The auction, with many great items, will begin at 3 p.m.

Krista had complications of a routine surgery and has since had six surgeries. She will undergo a very specialized surgery soon at the University of Michigan. For more information, call 390-2510 or Hanson Hills at 348-9266. (-16/8)

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THE ICE IS GONE We are open for the season. Come in and see us for all your boating needs. Old Point Comfort Marine, 4629 W. Higgins Lake Drive, Higgins Lake, 989-821-5692. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays in April. (-16-23/8)

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11. Automotive

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